



May 1, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1568 (McCarty) – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman McCarty,

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) respectfully opposes AB 1568, legislation that would link a city or county's eligibility for state grant funding to the jurisdiction's general plan housing element compliance.

In its capacity as the San Bernardino Council of Governments, SBCTA represents 24 cities and 5 supervisorial districts in the largest geographic county in the continental United States. SBCTA is very familiar with the challenges facing cities and counties, and the need to increase affordable housing stock statewide. However, tying a jurisdiction's general plan processes to eligibility for state grant funding for areas unrelated to housing is not the answer.

We agree that everyone needs to do their part to solve the housing crisis, and appreciate the need to find ways to encourage those jurisdictions that are non-compliant with their housing element. Tying funding sources meant for one issue to areas that are unrelated is a slippery slope that could negatively impact city and county working relationships with the state.

We suggest using more constructive approaches that encourage local jurisdictions through programs that incentivize affordable housing, rather than one that penalizes them for circumstances such as market forces which are out of their control.

For these reasons we must register our opposition to AB 1568. If you have any questions regarding SBCTA's position on this issue, please contact Ray Wolfe, Executive Director, or Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs at (909) 884-8276.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Grand Terrace

cc: Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
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