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Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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Submitted via email  
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**RE: Veto Request for Senate Bill 1211 (SB 1211): Land use: accessory dwelling units: ministerial approval.**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, I urge you to veto SB 1211, which undermines local control over zoning and planning decisions. The bill mandates state regulations that drastically increase the allowable number of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on a lot with an existing multifamily dwelling from two to eight, leading to unsustainable growth and potential strain on local infrastructure, parking, and public services.

SB 1211's provision that prohibits replacing offstreet parking spaces if converted into ADUs exacerbates parking challenges in already crowded neighborhoods. Additionally, the bill's encouragement to convert underutilized areas like surface parking and landscaped spaces into housing fails to consider the long-term impact on local resources, including water, sewage, and emergency services.

The bill also imposes significant costs on local agencies to provide streamlined approval processes for these additional ADUs, which will overwhelm planning departments and delay other critical projects.

In summary, SB 1211 imposes unsustainable density increases, undermines local authority, and burdens local resources. I urge you to veto this bill to preserve local governments' ability to manage growth according to their communities' needs and capacities.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor

C: City Council  
Ken Domer, City Manager