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Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

RE: Opposition to AB 507 (González) – Housing Development Approvals: Residential Units.

Dear Honorable Assembly Appropriations Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we must oppose AB 507, which would mandate a statewide, ministerial process for adaptive reuse projects regardless of local zoning or planning processes. While the City supports innovative approaches to housing production and recognizes the potential of adaptive reuse, AB 507 removes essential tools that cities need to ensure that redevelopment is safe, context-sensitive, and aligned with community goals.

AB 507 designates adaptive reuse projects as a "use by right" in all zones, effectively overriding a city's General Plan and zoning regulations. This one-size-fits-all mandate would limit our ability to evaluate how a project integrates with surrounding neighborhoods, accommodates existing infrastructure, and protects historic resources—particularly for buildings under 50 years old that may still hold cultural or architectural value.

Moreover, the bill imposes a ministerial approval requirement with little room for local discretion, prohibits meaningful modification to building envelopes, and exempts projects from critical development standards unless narrowly justified. The resulting outcome would be a weakened planning framework in which communities lose the ability to enforce basic standards of livability, design, safety, and compatibility.

La Verne supports housing solutions that are locally driven and financially feasible. AB 507 erodes local control, imposes unfunded mandates, and disregards the collaborative role cities must play in housing policy. For these reasons, the City of La Verne urges your **NO** vote on AB 507.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor