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Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

**RE: Opposition to SB 16 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element: unsheltered and chronic homelessness: assessment and financing plan.**

Dear Honorable Senate Appropriations Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we respectfully oppose Senate Bill (SB) 16, which would impose unnecessary, duplicative, and unfunded mandates on smaller cities like La Verne that already face substantial capacity and resource limitations.

SB 16 places additional costly reporting requirements on local jurisdictions that do not receive direct state homelessness funding under the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant program. As you know, HHAP funds are currently allocated to all 58 counties, 44 continuums of care, and only 14 large cities with populations over 300,000. This bill unfairly targets smaller cities like La Verne with burdensome new mandates without providing the corresponding state funding or support.

The City of La Verne recognizes and supports efforts to address homelessness collaboratively. However, requiring smaller cities—who already do not receive direct homelessness funding—to provide additional housing element reporting creates an inequitable and disproportionate mandate. Housing elements are complex, time-consuming, and expensive multi-year planning efforts. The reporting requirements of SB 16 would increase the administrative and fiscal burden on our City with no additional benefit or accountability for addressing homelessness regionally.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose SB 16.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor