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Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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Submitted via email  
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**RE: Support for AB 650 (Papan) – Housing Element and RHNA Process Improvements**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we must express our strong support for AB 650. This bill provides meaningful reforms to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and housing element process that will give cities the clarity and time needed to meet state housing goals in a responsible way.

AB 650 extends critical timelines in the RHNA and housing element cycle, starting the process six months earlier. This additional time is essential for local governments to conduct the complex work of preparing compliant housing elements while engaging residents and stakeholders in a thoughtful manner. The bill also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide specific analysis or text to remedy deficiencies, ensuring cities receive actionable feedback rather than vague or shifting requirements.

These reforms directly address challenges faced in the most recent cycle, when cities across California, including La Verne, struggled with short deadlines, unclear expectations, and new requirements introduced late in the review process. By requiring clear guidance and giving cities more time, AB 650 creates a more transparent and collaborative framework that will help jurisdictions adopt timely and legally compliant housing elements.

La Verne supports AB 650 because it promotes fairness, improves efficiency, and strengthens local capacity to plan for housing in a way that is both realistic and accountable. For these reasons, the City of La Verne respectfully urges your signature on AB 650.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor

C: City Council  
Ken Domer, City Manager

