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Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore

Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly

Re: Oppose Increased Density Housing Legislation That Fails to
Account for Fire Hazard Zones and Local Infrastructure

Dear Senator Atkins and Assemblymember Rendon:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents across the Santa Monica Mountains.

At our meeting of June 16, 2020, the Hillside Federation adopted the position to oppose housing legislation that fails to exempt very high fire hazard severity zones. We agree housing is one of our state's most important public policy priorities, its development should not come at the cost of increased risk of harm to persons and property due to wildfire.

We have observed that most housing bills currently under consideration fail to account for not only wildfire hazards, but also for infrastructure impacts affecting transportation, public safety, and public services. Many of our members believe adoption of these bills would tax local infrastructure well beyond existing capacity. So long as cities do a better job providing additional housing, as Los Angeles has begun to do in recent years, it makes sense for them to retain local control of planning and zoning. Local officials can more readily address local community planning issues than can one-size-fits-all legislation.

We urge you to oppose housing legislation such as SB 902, SB 1120, AB 725, and any other bills that do not adequately account for these concerns.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims, President

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