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Assembly Member Norma Torres
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1229 (Atkins) Inclusionary Housing – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Torres:

On behalf of the 15 cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association is pleased to support AB 1229.

The Cities Association is a collaboration of cities that strives to improve the quality of life for the people of our county. Passage of AB 1229 would provide local jurisdictions the ability to implement inclusionary housing requirements as part of their land use authority and would ensure that a percentage of all new developments include homes affordable to hard-working lower income households. Not only does this legislation restore local control of affordable housing programs, but it also allows local governments the opportunity to utilize a proven strategy for creating healthy, diverse neighborhoods with a variety of housing options.

This legislation is particularly important in communities that have lost the ability to implement existing inclusionary ordinances and provide affordable housing.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Abe Koga
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Council Member, City of Mountain View

Cc: Cities Association Board of Directors
Assembly Member Toni Atkins