



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, 7PM

North Bay Conference Room (Room 145), Sunnyvale City Hall
456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (WALIA)

Anne Bybee
City of Campbell

ROLL CALL (WU)

Liang Chao
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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NONAGENDIZED ITEMS

Sally Meadows
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Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

1. Consent Agenda (Action)

Ken Toren
City of Monte Sereno

Recommendation: Review and consider approval of minutes from August 13, 2026 Board of Directors meeting and August 31, 2026 Joint Special Meeting with Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Mark Turner
City of Morgan Hill

Attachments:

Ellen Kamei
City of Mountain View

- Draft minutes from August 13, 2026 Board of Directors meeting
- Draft minutes from August 31, 2026 Joint Special Meeting with Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Vicki Veenker
City of Palo Alto

2. President Update (Information)

Rosemary Kamei
City of San Jose

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia

Rajiv Bhateja
Town of Los Altos Hills

3. Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Officers (Information)

Kelly Ramirez
City of Gilroy

Recommendation: Receive President's update regarding the Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Officers

Rob Moore
Town of Los Gatos

Attachment:

Kelly Cox
City of Santa Clara

- Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Officers report

4. SVRIA (Information and Discussion)

Larry Klein
City of Sunnyvale

Guest Speakers:

- a. Eric Nickel, Executive Director to Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA)



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b. Matthew Hudes, SVRIA Board member/SCS Appointee (Council Member Town of Los Gatos)

Attachments:

c. Bio: Eric Nickel

d. Bio: Matthew Hudes

5. Legislative Action Committee Update (Action)

Recommendation: Receive update from Legislative Action Committee Chair Rob Moore

6. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Santa Clara County

10. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Saratoga City Manager

11. Executive Director Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from Interim Executive Director

12. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

AB 1761 Letter of Support (revised)

SB 758 Letter of Support

SB 936 Letter of Support

SB 1117 Letter of Opposition

ADJOURN (WALIA)



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Mayor Mark Turner attended via teleconference from 17575 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037. This teleconference location was open to the public and any member of the public may address the Board of Directors from the teleconference location.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (minutes in red)



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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (minutes in red)

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – (WALIA)

President Walia called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL (LESLIE)

Board Members Present (14):

Tina Walia (President/Saratoga), Anne Bybee (Campbell), Liang Chao (Cupertino), Sally Meadows (Los Altos), Rajiv Bhateja (Los Altos Hills), Rob Moore (Los Gatos), Carmen Montano (Milpitas), Ken Toren (Monte Sereno), Mark Turner (Remote/Morgan Hill), Ellen Kamei (Mountain View), Vicki Veenker (Palo Alto), Rosemary Kamei (San Jose), Kelly Cox (Santa Clara), Larry Klein (Sunnyvale)

Board Members Absent (1):

Kelly Ramirez (Gilroy)

Also Present:

Daniel Cederborg (Legal Counsel), Leslie Arroyo (Saratoga City Manager), Tim Kirby (Sunnyvale City Manager)

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Glen Hendricks (Saratoga resident), Rhoda Fry (Cupertino resident)

1. Consent Agenda (Action)

- a. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2026 Board of Directors meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2026 Special Board of Directors meeting
- c. Financial Policies:



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- Resolution # 2026-06 Resolution of the Board Of Directors of the Cities

Association Of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Agency adopting an Incidental and Prohibited Purchases Policy

- Resolution # 2026-07 Resolution of the Board Of Directors of the Cities

Association Of Santa Clara County Joint Powers Agency adopting a Donations and Sponsorships Policy

R. Kamei/Montano moved to approve items a, b & c

Ayes: Walia, Bybee, Chao, Meadows, Bhateja, Moore, Montano, Toren, Turner, E.

Kamei, Veenker, R. Kamei, Cox, Klein

Noes: None, Abstentions: None, Absent: Ramirez

Motion Passed: 14:0:0:1

2. President Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from President Tina Walia

3. Interim Executive Director Consultant Recruitment and Contract Approval

(Action)

Recommendation: Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Pamela T.

Wu for Interim Executive Director consultant services and authorize the President to execute the agreement.

Montano/Veenker moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Pamela T. Wu for Interim Executive Director consultant services

Ayes: Walia, Meadows, Bhateja, Moore, Montano, Toren, Turner, E. Kamei,

Veenker, R. Kamei, Klein

Noes: Chao, Abstentions: Bybee, Cox, Absent: Ramirez

Motion Passed: 11:1:2:1

4. E-Bikes (Information and Discussion)

Guest Speakers:

a. Alisa Campbell, Prevention Program Analyst, Active and Safe Communities, County of Santa Clara Public Health Department

b. Brandon Sanchez, Chief of Police, Sargent Rozzo, City of Gilroy

Recommendation: Receive presentation from Alisa Campbell and Chief Sanchez



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5. Presentation and overview of Connect Bay Area Act (SB 63) (Information and Discussion)

Guest Speakers:

a. Pat Burt, Council Member, City of Palo Alto, and MTC Commissioner appointed by City Selection Committee

Recommendation: Receive update from Council Member Pat Burt

6. Legislative Action Committee Update (Action)

Recommendation: Receive update from Legislative Action Committee Chair Rob Moore and consider action as requested by Chair Moore

a. SB 936 (Blakespear): Nitrous Oxide: sales (support)

b. SB 758 (Umberg): Public Health: nitrous oxide (support)

c. SB 1370 (Stern): Covered wildfire mitigation projects (no position)

d. SB 1125 (Menjivar): Water Rate Assistance Program (no position)

e. AB 387 (Alanis): Nevaeh Youth Sports Safety Act (watch)

f. SB 1117 (Cervantes): Accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units (oppose)

Montano/Klein moved to approve the positions on bills as recommended by the Legislative Action Committee Chair Rob Moore and consider action as requested by Chair Moore

Ayes: Walia, Bybee, Chao, Meadows, Bhateja, Moore, Montano, Toren, Turner, E. Kamei, Veenker, R. Kamei, Cox, Klein

Noes: None, Abstentions: Meadows, Absent: Ramirez

Motion Passed: 13:0:1:1

7. Santa Clara County Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from SCC Director of Civic & Community Engagement Steve Preminger

8. Santa Clara County City Managers Association Update (Information)

Recommendation: Receive update from City Manager Leslie Arroyo

9. Executive Director Update (Information)



None

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10. Joys and Challenges (Information)

Recommendation: Share joys and challenges with the group

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Letter of support for AB 1821
2. Letter of support for AB 2296
3. Letter of support for SB 1167
4. Letter of support for SB 949
5. Letter of support for AB 2385
6. Letter of support for AB 1708
7. Letter of support for SB 922

ADJOURN (WALIA)

President Walia adjourned the meeting at 9:22pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Pamela Wu, CASCC Interim Executive Director



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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES (minutes in red)

Joint Special Meeting of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Finance and Administration Committee; and the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board of Directors

Monday, August 31, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Sunnyvale Civic Center
Bay Room
456 W. Olive Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA

Members of the public may attend this meeting in person. Public Comments can be sent in advance of the meeting via email up to three hours before the meeting begins to Board Clerk Andrea Pizano at Andrea.Pizano@svcleanenergy.org and will be distributed to the Board of Directors and Committee members. The public will also have an opportunity to provide comments during the meeting.

The public may provide comments on any matter listed on the Agenda. Speakers are customarily limited to 3 minutes each, however, the Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker based on the number of speakers, the length of the agenda and the complexity of the subject matter. Speaking time will not be decreased to less than one minute.

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AGENDA

Call to Order

SVCE Vice Chair Sally Meadows (Los Altos) called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Verification of Meeting Quorum

CASCC Board Members Present (8/15): Anne Bybee (Campbell), Kelly Ramirez (Gilroy), Sally Meadows (City of Los Altos), Lisa Shannon (Monte Sereno), Vicki Veenker (Palo Alto), Rajiv Bhateja (Town of Los Altos Hills), Tina Walia (Saratoga), Linda Sell (Sunnyvale).
Rosemary Kamei (San Jose), Carmen Montano (Milpitas), Maria Ristow (Los Gatos) arrived after quorum verification

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Regular Calendar

- 1) Upcoming Air District Regulations – What Elected Officials Need to know
(Discussion)

Presentation received

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

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None

Adjourn

SVCE Vice Chair Sally Meadows adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Pamela Wu, CASCC Interim Executive Director

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Date: September 10, 2026

Agenda Item: 3

Prepared by: Andrew Shen, Co-General Counsel

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Officers

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the President's update regarding the Nominating Committee for 2027 Board Officers

BACKGROUND:

The Cities Association's Bylaws, Article IV, Section 6 provides:

Nominating Committee. A nominating committee consisting of three (3) Board members shall be appointed by the President no later than two (2) meetings before the meeting at which officers for the following year will be elected. The President shall appoint at least one (1) Executive Committee member and at least one (1) Board member who is not a member of the Executive Committee to the nominating committee. At the meeting immediately preceding the meeting for the election of officers, this nominating committee shall present its nominations for officers for the following year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting where the election is to be conducted, providing the consent of the nominee has been secured.

As established in Article 10 of the Cities Association's Joint Powers Agency Agreement, the Board's election of officers takes place at its November meeting (or the first meeting held after November 1).

Thus, to fulfill her duties under the Bylaws, the President is appointing the following Board members to the Nominating Committee: President Tina Walia, Secretary-Treasurer Rosemary Kamei, and Mayor Carmen Montano.

The Nominating Committee will present its nominations to the Board at the upcoming October meeting.



Eric D. Nickel

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/eric-nickel

Originally educated to be a banker, Eric graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a degree in Business Administration and Finance. A fateful summer fighting forest fires just before graduation radically changed his career path toward public service. He has worked for fire departments in Southern and Northern California. After six successful years as Fire Chief for the City of Palo Alto and Stanford University, he joined the City of Santa Barbara as Fire Chief in January 2019. He completed a productive two-year assignment and retired after a 33-year career as a professional firefighter.

Eric currently serves as Executive Director of the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA). In this role, Eric supports an 11-member Board of Directors representing 2 million-plus citizens and visitors in California's fifth-largest county. SVRIA provides 24/7/365 seamless public safety and public agency radio services and data transfer infrastructure for its members. The system supports more than 13,000 member radios, nearly 9,000 mutual aid cooperator radios, and 21 dispatch centers, and it processes 24 million transmissions annually. Eric led communications and interoperability planning for Super Bowl 60 and the FIFA World Cup at Levi's Stadium.

As a fire chief, Eric provided strategic leadership for professional firefighters, emergency medical experts, support staff, and elected officials. He oversaw community risk reduction and prevention, disaster preparedness and emergency management, and fire, rescue, and emergency medical services across the world-class communities of Santa Barbara, Palo Alto, and Stanford University. Under his leadership, the fire departments transformed their service delivery models, renegotiated fire service contracts, implemented regional solutions, and achieved international accreditation.

He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and holds the Chief Fire Officer credential through the Commission on Professional Credentialing. He is one of 42 fire chiefs in California Fire Service history to be designated a Certified Fire Chief by the State of California Board of Fire Services.

Eric served as the president of the League of California Cities Fire Chiefs Department and spent two years on the League's Board of Directors and Finance Committee. In 2016, he served as the president of the Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association, supporting region-wide public safety for Super Bowl 50, which was hosted in the county.

Eric has focused his professional research on emergency services community engagement and public relations programs, using social media as a community link during disasters and developing predictive analytics solutions to forecast risk-reduction opportunities and calls for service.



Matthew Hudes is currently a Councilmember and past Mayor serving the Town of Los Gatos. For 16+ years, Matthew has served Los Gatos in numerous roles in addition to the Town Council. Working with the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), he has worked to improve preparation in the face of new disaster challenges and has taken a leadership role in:

- **The regional HAM Cram program** – As a long-term FCC General Class Amateur Radio licensee, over 10 years ago, he helped initiate and currently **teaches the HAM Cram program** and team-taught a majority of these classes, which have resulted in **over 1,000 new Santa Clara County Amateur Radio licensees**, in coordination with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.
- **Wildfire Prevention and Preparation** – Matthew organized and co-leads the **West Valley Wildfire Council** that includes County Fire (Chief), Saratoga (Mayor), Los Gatos (3 Mayors, Planning Commissioner, Red Cross leaders, and FireWise community leaders) and Monte Sereno (Mayor and Councilmember). This group **works collaboratively with West Valley communities** and conducts community outreach. The Council also develops **plans and budget recommendations**, in the areas of **communications, evacuation, vegetation management, and homeowner actions, including defensible space**.
- **Board Member, SVRIA, appointed by the Cities Association** – The SVRIA provides integrated first responder communications and plays an integral role in coordination and preparation for regional events, such as the Superbowl and FIFA, and Amateur Radio plays a key backup role in emergency communications.

He has served as Chair of the Planning Commission, Planning Commissioner, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, member of the General Plan Committee, the Housing Element Advisory Board, and others. He currently serves on the Finance Commission, Community Health and Senior Services Commission and on various regional agencies.

Currently, Matthew is the CEO of a biotechnology consulting firm, having retired as U.S. Managing Principal, Biotechnology for Deloitte and having played a similar role at Ernst & Young. In between, he started and grew a software/bioinformatics company in Los Gatos.

Matthew holds a BA from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from Santa Clara University.



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April 13, 2026

The Honorable Jacqui Irwin Rogers
California State Capitol
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1761: Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Rogers,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents. On behalf of the Cities in Santa Clara County, the CASCC Board of Directors is pleased to offer its strong support for AB 1761.

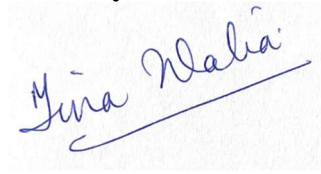
AB 1761 would require the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that all data underlying any decision, ruling, or calculation methodology for charges imposed on customers of load-serving entities, including the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, is made available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates. It would also require electrical corporations to disclose that data concurrent with any proposal they submit, with protections for market-sensitive information.

Many of our member cities are served by community choice aggregators and other load-serving entities that compete with incumbent investor-owned utilities. The charges these entities are required to pay, and that are ultimately passed on to our residents, are determined through complex methodologies that have long suffered from a lack of transparency. Without access to the underlying data, load-serving entities and the ratepayer advocates who serve our communities cannot verify whether those charges are just and reasonable, as California law requires. The result is that residents of our cities may be paying more than they should, with no meaningful ability to challenge the figures.

AB 1761 addresses this directly. It does not second-guess the Commission's authority to set rates, but rather requires data supporting those rates to be open to scrutiny. This is a basic principle of fair and accountable regulation, and our cities are proud to support it.

For these reasons, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County strongly supports AB 1761 and urges its swift passage.

Sincerely,



Tina Walia
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara
Vice Mayor, City of Saratoga



Rob Moore
Chair, CASC Legislative Action Committee
Mayor, Town of Los Gatos

Cc:

Asm. Patrick Ahrens
Asm. Marc Berman
Asm. Alex Lee
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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Re: AB 1761 (Rogers) - Support

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents, to support AB 1761 by Assemblymember Chris Rogers (D-Santa Rosa), a measure that supports energy affordability by improving transparency and certainty in how the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), a charge on nearly all energy bills, is calculated.

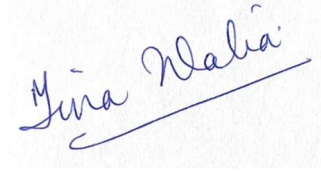
AB 1761 would require the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that all data underlying any decision, ruling, or calculation methodology for charges imposed on customers of load-serving entities, including the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, is made available to load-serving entities and ratepayer advocates. It would also require electrical corporations to disclose that data concurrent with any proposal they submit, with protections for market-sensitive information.

Many of our member cities are served by community choice aggregators and other load-serving entities that compete with incumbent investor-owned utilities. The charges these entities are required to pay, and that are ultimately passed on to our residents, are determined through complex methodologies that have long suffered from a lack of transparency. Without access to the underlying data, load-serving entities and the ratepayer advocates who serve our communities cannot verify whether those charges are just and reasonable, as California law requires. The result is that residents of our cities may be paying more than they should, with no meaningful ability to challenge the figures.

AB 1761 addresses this directly. It does not second-guess the Commission's authority to set rates, but rather requires data supporting those rates to be open to scrutiny. This is a basic principle of fair and accountable regulation, and our cities are proud to support it.

For these reasons, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County strongly supports AB 1761, an important energy affordability tool which will strengthen confidence that customers pay their fair share – and not more. We urge you to sign the bill.

Sincerely,



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Re: SB 758 (Umberg) – Public Health: Nitrous Oxide – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents. On behalf of the Cities in Santa Clara County, the CASCC Board of Directors is pleased to offer its strong support for SB 758 and respectfully requests your signature.

SB 758 prohibits any retailer holding a cigarette and tobacco license from selling nitrous oxide at their retail location, closing off one of the most common points of purchase for recreational nitrous oxide misuse, particularly among minors.

Convenience stores, gas station mini-marts, and smoke shops have become easy access points for these products. This bill closes that gap while preserving legitimate sales through grocery stores, complementing SB 936 by addressing the retail supply side of the same issue. Notably, it does not create new possession crimes or further criminalize residents who use nitrous oxide, targeting the retail environment instead. SB 758 passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously and is sponsored by the League of California Cities and supported by a wide bench of local police associations and counties, including Humboldt, Kern, Orange, and Tulare.

For these reasons, the CASCC strongly supports SB 758 and respectfully requests your signature.

Sincerely,

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Re: SB 936 (Blakespear) – Nitrous Oxide: Sales – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents. On behalf of the Cities in Santa Clara County, the CASCC Board of Directors is pleased to offer its strong support for SB 936 and respectfully requests your signature.

SB 936 prohibits the retail sale of nitrous oxide canisters larger than eight grams and bans nitrous oxide products flavored or marketed to resemble food, while preserving legitimate medical, dental, culinary, and automotive uses.

Flavored, youth-marketed "whippet" products are a problem our member cities see firsthand, sold openly at smoke shops and convenience stores, with discarded canisters placing a growing burden on local solid waste systems. Several of our own counties and cities, including Orange, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, and Humboldt, have already had to act locally because the state had no uniform standard. SB 936 closes that gap while explicitly preserving legitimate culinary, medical, and automotive uses, a balance reflected in its unanimous, bipartisan passage through both houses and in its broad support, including the League of California Cities and a wide coalition of local governments, law enforcement, and public health organizations.

For these reasons, the CASCC strongly supports SB 936 and respectfully requests your signature.

Sincerely,

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Re: SB 1117 (Cervante) – Public Health: Nitrous Oxide – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), a Joint Powers Authority representing the elected leaders of all fifteen municipalities in the county and more than 1.8 million Bay Area residents. On behalf of the Cities in Santa Clara County, the CASCC Board of Directors respectfully offers its opposition to SB 1117 and requests your veto.

SB 1117 would require local agencies to calculate impact fees on larger accessory dwelling units based only on the square footage exceeding 750 square feet, rather than the unit's full size.

Our cities share the state's interest in encouraging ADU production, and California has made real progress under the existing fee framework. SB 1117 does not address a demonstrated barrier to that progress; it simply shifts costs that are currently, reasonably shared by the new unit onto every other resident and ratepayer, cutting into the fee revenue our cities and special districts rely on for infrastructure and public safety. This concern is shared broadly across local government, including the League of California Cities, CSAC, the Rural County Representatives of California, and cities such as Thousand Oaks, Redwood City, and Foster City. Notably, both the Fire Districts Association of California and the California Fire Chiefs Association oppose the bill over its effect on fire facility impact fee funding specifically. We ask that you veto SB 1117 and instead work with local government stakeholders on approaches that support ADU production without eroding the fee structures our cities depend on.

For these reasons, the CASCC strongly opposes SB 1117 and respectfully requests your veto.

Sincerely,

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