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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

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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