



February 9, 2021

The Honorable Eric Alegria  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5391

Re: City of Rancho Palos Verdes: League of California Cities Advocacy for Local Land Use Authority

Dear Mayor Alegria,

Thank you for your letter and for the opportunity to address the League of California Cities commitment to protecting and enhancing local control for cities.

I want to assure you that preserving local control is at the core of our mission. In fact, over the past decade, Cal Cities has secured hundreds of significant victories for our members, in the legislature, at the ballot, in the courts, and elsewhere preserving and enhancing local control.

As it specifically relates to housing and land use legislation, Cal Cities has engaged on hundreds of bills in the last few years, and we've defeated or altered more than 100 bills that would have eroded local control. Among the many bills we've helped stop or alter include legislation that sought to unfairly penalize cities around the housing element law, divert important transportation dollars away from cities that fail to meet arbitrary housing quotas, and bills that would give the state increasing powers to require or authorize housing.

Furthermore, we've played an instrumental role in passing major housing legislation to help cities streamline local housing approvals and plan for the housing we need to address the supply crisis. In fact, we've secured more than a billion dollars in the last four years to support city efforts to house homeless residents, fund infill development and supporting infrastructure, build and support affordable housing, and help cities plan for housing.

Sometimes, especially given dynamics in the legislature, compromise is necessary to protect as much local authority as possible. When it was clear that stopping some very bad bills outright was not going to happen, we've made them more manageable. We worked with legislators and the Administration to take draconian bills that were on a fast track to the Governor's desk for signature and negotiated them to reasonable compromises.

Of course, as a membership organization we recognize we must constantly listen and learn and ensure we're representing the diverse interests of our membership. It's important to remember that our policy positions are entirely driven by our members – city officials. Through our multiple policy committees and our board, city officials drive the positions Cal Cities takes on legislation.

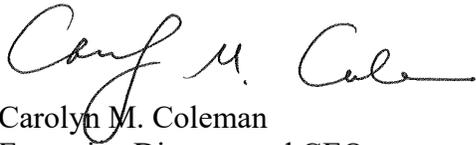
No matter the number of bills that are considered by the state legislature, **you have this**

**commitment from Cal Cities: We will remain steadfast to ensure state policy approaches to housing and all other matters incorporate the local perspective and protect local control.**

Rest assured, every day, Cal Cities fights hard for our members to retain local land use authority and prevent top-down state mandates. This is our mission and that will not change.

Thank you for your correspondence. We are grateful for your membership, and I am happy to schedule a call in the near future to discuss these issues in more depth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn M. Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carolyn M. Coleman  
Executive Director and CEO  
League of California Cities