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June 15, 2021

Via Email

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
California State Assembly
State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0045

SUBJECT: Notice of Opposition to AB 989

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes strongly opposes AB 989, which would create an appeals board within the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) that could review and approve developments that a local government denied if the denial violates the Housing Accountability Act.

The Housing Accountability Act allows local jurisdictions, after proper notice and public hearings within strict time limits, to deny a project because it would have a specific, adverse impact on public health and safety. AB 989 would allow a single hearing officer to substitute their judgement about the public health or safety of a community and overturn the denial following procedures that are not subject to public review and comment.

AB 989 establishes a new procedural enforcement mechanism for existing state laws, but in so doing, removes public ability for oversight and review of housing projects. For these reasons, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes strongly opposes AB 989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Alegria", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

 **Eric Alegria**
Mayor

Assemblymember Gabriel

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