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March 22, 2024

Assemblymember Christopher M. Ward  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development  
1020 N Street, Room 156  
Sacramento, CA 95814

CC: Assemblymembers Patterson, Timothy Grayson, Ash Kalra, Alex Lee, Sharon Quirk-Silva, Eloise Gómez Reyes, Kate A. Sanchez, and Lori Wilson, and Committee Chief Consultant Lisa Engel

RE: Assembly Bill 2560 - Notice of Opposition, As Introduced 2/14/24

Dear Assemblymember Ward,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our opposition to Assembly Bill 2560, which would remove the Coastal Zone exemption from the state's Density Bonus Law. By doing so, the legislation would allow any density bonus, concessions, incentives, waivers or reductions of development standards, and parking ratios to which an applicant is entitled under the Density Bonus Law to be permitted in the Coastal Zone.

CCCA's position on AB 2560 derives from our understanding that the bill would greatly expand the applicability of the Density Bonus Law, broadening a one-size-fits-all approach to developing housing across the State, and ultimately limiting more local communities' policing powers over development. Further, the legislation specifically targets coastal communities in the State that ought to remain protected from increased development. California's Coastal Zone represents a long stretch of water and land along the coastline that offers some of the State's most pristine recreational and habitat areas. It is in our best interest to safeguard those areas from overdevelopment in an effort to preserve the State's coastal environment.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our opposition to AB 2560.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director