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March 19, 2025

Senator Aisha Wahab
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 677 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wahab,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our opposition to Senate Bill 677. The bill makes a number of significant, technical changes to SB 9 (Atkins, 2021) and SB 423 (2023, Wiener) that would broaden ministerial approval processes for various types of housing developments in California.

In 2021 and 2023, CCCA opposed SB 423 and SB 9 alongside many other municipal stakeholders across the State. Together, we raised concerns about how the bills curtail cities' local policing powers over housing development processes in their jurisdictions, and restrict cities' ability to effectively respond to their communities' needs and interests.

Now, CCCA voices greater concerns about SB 677, which expands the existing laws in ways that would severely limit cities' involvement in housing development review and approval processes in their communities. CCCA urges the committee to support alternative approaches that aim to fasttrack housing development across the State, specifically collaborative solutions that allow both the State and local jurisdictions to play significant roles in the planning and oversight of housing development.

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 SB 677.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Housing Committee