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Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 507 - OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 507, which would deem an adaptive reuse project a use by right in all zones, regardless of the zoning of the site. The bill would also subject adaptive reuse projects to a streamlined, ministerial review process if the project meets specified requirements.

While AB 507 allows a city to enact a local ordinance that outlines a streamlined process applicable to adaptive reuse projects, the ordinance must abide by a number of state-mandated requirements, limiting the city's authority over its framework. Considering the important role cities ought to play in overseeing and managing adaptive reuse projects in their communities, we strongly believe local review and approval processes should remain in place. These kinds of projects revitalize existing buildings that can have historical significance within the community. Consequently, it is critical that no city is stripped of their ability to make key determinations about adaptive reuse projects.

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 507.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee