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June 25, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3093 (Ward) Housing Element Categories – NOTE CONCERNS

Dear Chair Skinner:

On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, I write to **express our concerns with** AB 3093 (Ward), which would create two new income categories in the development of local agency housing elements within the general plans: acutely low income and extremely low income. These two new income categories, along with the existing income categories (very low income, lower income, moderate income, etc.) would be required in a city's future regional housing needs allocation (RHNA).

C/CAG is supportive of addressing our county's unhoused population by increasing the supply of affordable housing in San Mateo County.

In addition, C/CAG is concerned that AB 3093 was only recently amended to include the current substance and has significant policy implications that warrant more time for discussion in the legislative process. This bill may also duplicate local planning efforts because existing law requires cities to analyze the special housing needs of our unhoused residents and assist in developing adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-income households. Existing law also currently requires cities to identify sites and encourage the development of a variety of housing, including supportive housing and transitional housing.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact Sean Charpentier the C/CAG Executive Director, at scharpentier@smcgov.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Rak', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Rak, Chair
City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County