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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown  
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RE: **SB 828 (Wiener) Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Request Veto**

Dear Governor Brown,

The City of Vista urges your veto on SB 828 (Wiener), which would make numerous changes to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

While we greatly appreciate recent amendments, one major concern remains. As outlined in prior letters, Government Code Section 65584 (2) makes it very clear that cities "should undertake all necessary actions to encourage, promote, and facilitate the development of housing to accommodate the entire regional housing need." However, this code section also appropriately acknowledges that future housing production "may not equal" the housing need established for the planning process. SB 828 strikes this language and replaces it with a requirement that cities take "reasonable actions to ensure that future housing production meet, at a minimum, the regional housing need established for planning purposes." This change implies that RHNA is a production mandate, when in fact RHNA is a planning and zoning requirement.

The City is acutely aware of the statewide housing crises, and has seen a large influx of residential developments including multi-family apartments, affordable housing, and condominium projects. These projects have helped to activate our City, particularly our downtown area, and have helped attract new restaurants and businesses.

Contrary to SB 828, the City of Vista must balance the needs and desires of the community when making land use and planning policy. The City supports efforts that provides flexibility and gives the City greater authority in meeting the Regional Housing Needs Assessment requirements. Vista recognizes the benefits of growth but cannot support legislation that imposes production mandates to local jurisdictions.

For these reasons, the City of Vista respectfully urge you to veto SB 828 (Wiener).

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter, Mayor  
City of Vista

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