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March 13, 2019

Assembly Member Jim Wood,  
Chair of the Health Committee  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0056

Re: **AB 377 (Garcia): Microenterprise home kitchen operations – Oppose**

Dear Assembly Member Wood:

On behalf of the City of Vista, we urge your opposition on AB 377 (Garcia) which authorizes a city, county or both to permit microenterprise home kitchen operations. AB 377 will require new permits, inspections and reporting requirements for the enforcement agency and imposes a new unfunded state-mandated local program.

AB 377 would allow the operation of microenterprises in residential neighborhoods thus raising a host of safety issues relating to trash, parking, noise, wastewater, disposal of fats, oils and grease, water sources, fire hazards, and the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, making enforcement and oversight difficult for local government agencies. The ancillary impact that microenterprise home kitchen operations will have on local neighborhoods will increase a cities required enforcement of noise and parking regulations, which is not addressed in AB 377.

The City of Vista recognizes the value of small local businesses. The City supports microenterprise businesses by providing resources to welcome and encourage new start-ups and has developed thoughtful community plans to safely zone for restaurants. The City has ample space for small restaurants and does not believe that allowing microenterprise home kitchen operations in residential communities is the best choice of land use for our community.

Furthermore, AB 377 imposes a state-mandated local program with no funding to support the new enforcement requirements that will arise as a result of new microenterprise home kitchens. The City of Vista opposes any efforts that negatively impact the City's fiscal viability by adding further financial burden through unfunded mandates.

Sincerely,



Judy Ritter  
Mayor

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