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The Honorable Lois Wolk
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 904** (Skinner) – As Amended June 27, 2012- **OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Wolk:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your opposition to Assembly Bill 904, to be heard before the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on July 3, 2012. This recently amended legislation would prohibit a county from requiring a minimum number of off-street parking spaces sufficient to address the individual community conditions beyond the prescriptive standards set forth in the bill.

AB 904 imposes restrictive, anti-community and economic development requirements on local government. This legislation undermines local control and the ability to set standards based on the unique geography of the area or the type of development.

Specifically, this legislation limits parking spots to one per unit, regardless of the number of bedrooms. This standard for parking is far below that allowed under density bonus law, under which developers can provide affordable housing in exchange for lower parking requirements. This bill places the production of affordable housing at even greater risk. Additionally, AB 904 makes no distinction between parking needs for different commercial projects such as restaurants, medical offices, and park and ride locations. Despite the varying needs for parking, AB 904 limits communities to two parking spots per 1,000 square feet. This provision discourages regular customer patronage, which further deters business from the region.

The County of San Bernardino’s unique geography, need for affordable housing and economic generators make it impossible to support this legislation, conceptually or as drafted. AB 904 would erode our county’s local authority, impose unnecessarily burdensome administrative requirements and discourage economic development and affordable housing production.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino opposes AB 904 and respectfully requests your opposition to this legislation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280. The County of San Bernardino thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair
Board of Supervisors

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

C: Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee