



August 20, 2020

Hon. Gavin Newsom, Governor
Hon. Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly
Hon. Toni Atkins, President pro Tempore of the Senate
Hon. Members of the California Legislature
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Declaration of a California Crisis of Governance

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

We the undersigned declare a Crisis of Governance in California. Currently, proposed bills that would have a profound impact on all Californians are being considered by the Legislature with little public awareness of their existence or public evaluation and input.

Land use legislation and other bills are being heard by our legislators in limited Committees during an international pandemic and social unrest. The People of California are mostly unaware of these bills due to the extraordinary circumstances we are all experiencing. These bills use vague and unclear language in their description. They include terms and phrases that will not be defined until years after their passage, so their implications are not completely known – even at the time of the bills being heard. These land-use bills will lead to speculation, displacement, gentrification and further racial discrimination in Housing. These bills will provide little, if any, additional affordable housing over and above any Inclusionary policies a city might have.

We, the undersigned, ask the legislature and Governor to suspend all activity on land-use bills until the full after-effects of the pandemic are known. The existing bills cannot respond to the post-Covid world, which will include increased remote work, increased commercial and office space vacancies, increased housing stock due to potential demographic and preference changes, decreased urban housing demand, and other as-yet unknown new realities.

We support more affordable housing in our cities, retaining local land-use control, and strengthening our inclusive communities. We believe the unique characteristics of our diverse cities – from Crescent City to Calexico – are what make California strong. We must avoid

one-size-fits-all measures as we work together to find solutions to the new jobs and housing reality that will follow the pandemic.


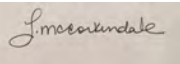

We call for the Legislature to acknowledge that the post-Covid world will not mirror the pre-Covid world and keep these bills in suspense for at least a year, and the Governor to veto those that come to his desk.

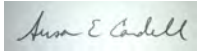
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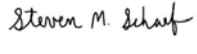



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City and County Elected Officials, Signing as Individuals:

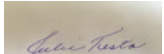
Signature	Name	City / County	Position	Date
	Michael Barnes	Albany	Council Member	July 11, 2020
	Laura McCorkindale	Hidden Hills/Los Angeles	Council Member	7/13/2020
	John Mirisch	Beverly Hills	City Councilmember	July 10, 2020

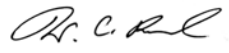
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	Susan Candell	Lafayette	Vice Mayor	July 10, 2020


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	Steven M. Scharf	Cupertino	Mayor	July 12, 2020


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	Anita Enander	Los Altos	City Councilmember	July 12, 2020

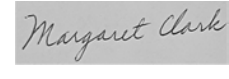
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	Peggy Huang	Yorba Linda	Councilmember	July 12, 2020


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	Julie Testa	Pleasanton	Councilmember	July 15, 2020

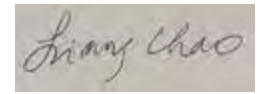
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	Bill Brand	Redondo Beach	Mayor	July 15, 2020

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	Richard Montgomery	Manhattan Beach	Mayor.	July 17, 2020

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	Stewart Seigel	Hidden Hills	Mayor Pro Tem	July 28, 2020

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	Margaret Clark	Rosmeade	Mayor	July 28, 2020

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	Larry Weber	Hidden Hills	City Council	July 28, 2020

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	Liang Chao	Cupertino	City Council	July 28, 2020

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<u><i>R Wang</i></u>	<u>R Wang</u>	<u>Cupertino</u>	<u>Plng Vice-Chair</u>	<u>July 28, 2020</u>

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<u><i>Sanjay Gehani</i></u>	<u>Sanjay Gehani</u>	<u>Foster City/ SMC</u>	<u>Vice-Mayor</u>	<u>7/28/2020</u>


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<u><i>Rowena Turner</i></u>	<u>Rowena Turner</u>	<u>Monte Sereno</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>7/28/20</u>

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<u><i>Elizabeth Pattenson</i></u>	<u>Elizabeth Patterson</u>	<u>City of Benicia</u>	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>7/29/20</u>

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<u><i>Eric Filseth</i></u>	<u>Eric Filseth</u>	<u>City of Palo Alto</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>7-29-20</u>

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<u><i>Lydia Kou</i></u>	<u>Lydia Kou</u>	<u>City of Palo Alto</u>	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>7/29/2020</u>

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<u><i>Michael S. Goldman</i></u>	<u>Michael S. Goldman</u>	<u>Sunnyvale</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>7/29/2020</u>


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<u></u>	<u>Karla Brown</u>	<u>Pleasanton</u>	<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>July 30, 2020</u>

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<u><i>Pat Ekland</i></u>	<u>Pat Ekland</u>	<u>City of Novato</u>	<u>Mayor Pro Tem</u>	<u>8/2/2020</u>

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<u><i>Javed Ellahie</i></u>	<u>Javed Ellahie</u>	<u>Monte Sereno</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>8/4/2020</u>

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<u><i>Nils Nehrenheim</i></u>	<u>Nils Nehrenheim</u>	<u>Redondo Beach</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>8/4/2020</u>

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<u><i>Tom DuBois</i></u>	<u>Tom DuBois</u>	<u>Palo Alto</u>	<u>Vice Mayor</u>	<u>8/5/2020</u>

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<i>Vinnie Bacon</i> _____	Vinnie Bacon _____	Fremont _____	City Council _____	8/10/2020 _____