



May 10, 2022

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly, 15th District
1021 O Street, Suite 4240
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: OPPOSE AB 2011 (WICKS) – AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HIGH ROAD JOBS
ACT OF 2022**

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of most Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC must strongly express its opposition to Assembly Bill 2011. This bill usurps local control by making affordable housing by-right in areas currently zoned for office, retail, or parking. Local governments are responsible for facilitating housing production through planning and zoning processes that were established to ensure appropriate public input and engagement, environmental reviews, and compliance with state housing requirements. While we recognize the significant need for the development of new affordable housing units, we feel that providing incentives for doing so is a more effective approach than removing local input and authority through a by-right process.

Cities, not the State, are best suited to make local land-use decisions. ACC-OC must respectfully oppose AB 2011. Should you have any questions about our position or about ACC-OC, please contact Jenn Lowe, ACC-OC Director of Legislative and External Affairs, at (714) 953-1300 or at jlowe@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

Bruce Channing
Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange County

CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors