



March 11, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Seyarto
California State Assembly, District 32
1021 O Street, Suite 7120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SB 233 (Seyarto) – Regional housing need: determination: consultation with councils of governments

Dear Senator Seyarto,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of 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 is pleased to inform you that we support SB 233, which would require the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) to meet and consult with councils of governments pursuant to prescribed deadlines. Current law requires HCD and councils of governments to determine the existing and projected need for housing in each region. As part of this process, HCD and councils of governments are required to meet regarding the assumptions and methodology to be used by HCD in determining the region's housing needs at least 26 months prior to the next scheduled revision of the housing element and before developing the housing need for a region. Beginning in the 7th revision of the housing element, SB 233 would require HCD to complete this task at least 38 months prior to the next scheduled revision, allowing local governments additional time to work more collaboratively in this process.

As we work together to collectively achieve state, regional, and local housing goals, transparency and partnership are a critical part of the success of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process. For this reason, we support SB 233. Should you have any questions about our position on this bill or ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or wstrack@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

Kris Murray
Executive Director
Association of California Cities – Orange County

CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors