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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 828 (Wiener) Regional Housing Needs Allocation.
Request for Veto**

Dear Governor Brown:

The League of California Cities urges your veto on SB 828 (Wiener), which would make numerous changes to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process.

While we greatly appreciate recent amendments, one major concern remains. As outlined in prior letters, Government Code Section 65584 (2) makes it very clear that cities “should undertake all necessary actions to encourage, promote, and facilitate the development of housing to accommodate the entire regional housing need.” However, this code section also appropriately acknowledges that future housing production “may not equal” the housing need established for the planning process. SB 828 strikes this language and replaces it with a requirement that cities take “reasonable actions to ensure that future housing production meet, at a minimum, the regional housing need established for planning purposes.” This change implies that RHNA is a production mandate, when in fact RHNA is a planning and zoning requirement.

For these reasons, we urge you to veto SB 828 (Wiener). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 658-8264.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Rhine".

Jason Rhine
Assistant Legislative Director

cc: The Honorable Senator Scott Wiener
Graciela Castillo-Krings, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Brown