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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 215 (Chiu): Planning and Zoning: Housing Element – Request for Veto
Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling – September 10, 2021**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests your veto on 215 (Chiu). CSAC was able to resolve many of our prior concerns with the bill, but new language added in August—well after the policy committee process was complete—create practical and policy issues for counties.

We are especially concerned with AB 215’s new timeframes for public comment in the housing element process. This new step would require at least 40 additional days to complete. With little notice, this new requirement would significantly affect the timelines for completion of housing elements by rural and suburban counties with updates due in 2022 (Del Norte County, Siskiyou County, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency).

Moreover, we object to AB 215’s creation of a new statute of limitations for any action or proceeding brought pursuant the enforcement process established by AB 72 (Chapter 370, Statutes of 2017). Notwithstanding other laws that require more expedient challenges, AB 215 would create a new three-year statute of limitations for any action brought pursuant to the AB 72 enforcement process. This is a significant change in policy that warranted full consideration in legislative policy committees.

For these reasons, CSAC respectfully requests your veto on AB 215. If you need additional information about our position, please contact me at (916) 650-8180 or clee@counties.org.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lee
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable David Chiu, Member, California State Assembly
Ronda Paschal, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Newsom
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