



September 10, 2021

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

**RE: SB 9 (Atkins) Increased Density in Single-Family Zones  
VETO REQUEST**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) and the 241 cities listed in this letter write to request your **VETO** on SB 9 (Atkins).

SB 9 would require nearly all cities, regardless of existing circumstances, to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, a housing development containing up to four units on a parcel that was otherwise designated for one single-family home. Additionally, this measure would require local governments to ministerially approve an urban lot split, thus creating two independent lots that may be sold separately.

Housing affordability and homelessness are among the most critical issues facing California cities. Affordably priced homes are out of reach for many people and housing is not being built fast enough to meet the current or projected needs of people living in the state. Cities lay the groundwork for housing production by planning and zoning new projects in their communities based on extensive public input and engagement, state housing laws, and the needs of the building industry. Importantly, cities are currently updating housing plans to identify sites for more than two million additional housing units.

While we appreciate President pro Tempore Atkins' desire to pursue a housing production proposal, SB 9 as currently drafted does not guarantee the construction of affordable housing nor will it spur additional housing development in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision-making, and community input. State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements that are certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.







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 King City  
 La Canada Flintridge  
 La Habra Heights  
 La Mirada  
 La Palma  
 La Quinta  
 La Verne  
 Lafayette  
 Laguna Beach  
 Laguna Hills  
 Laguna Niguel  
 Lake Elsinore  
 Lake Forest  
 Lakeport  
 Lakewood  
 Lancaster  
 Larkspur  
 Lathrop  
 Lawndale  
 Lemon Grove  
 Lincoln  
 Loma Linda  
 Lomita  
 Lompoc  
 Los Alamitos  
 Los Altos  
 Los Altos Hills  
 Los Angeles  
 Los Banos  
 Lynwood  
 Malibu  
 Mammoth Lakes  
 Manhattan Beach  
 Martinez  
 Maywood  
 Menifee  
 Merced  
 Millbrae  
 Milpitas  
 Mission Viejo  
 Modesto  
 Monrovia  
 Montclair  
 Montebello  
 Monterey  
 Monterey Park  
 Monte Sereno  
 Moorpark  
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Morro Bay  
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 Newman  
 Newark  
 Newport Beach  
 Norco  
 Norwalk  
 Novato  
 Oakdale  
 Oakley  
 Oceanside  
 Ojai  
 Ontario  
 Orange  
 Orinda  
 Oxnard  
 Palos Verdes Estates  
 Paramount  
 Pacifica  
 Pasadena  
 Pico Rivera  
 Pinole  
 Pismo Beach  
 Placentia  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Pleasanton  
 Point Arena  
 Pomona  
 Poway  
 Rancho Cucamonga  
 Rancho Palos Verdes  
 Rancho Santa Margarita  
 Redding  
 Redondo Beach  
 Ripon  
 Riverbank  
 Riverside  
 Rocklin  
 Rohnert Park  
 Rolling Hills  
 Rolling Hills Estates  
 Ross  
 Roseville  
 Rosemead  
 San Buenaventura  
 San Clemente  
 San Dimas  
 San Fernando  
 San Gabriel  
 San Jacinto  
 San Luis Obispo

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 San Rafael  
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 Santa Fe Springs  
 Santa Maria  
 Santa Monica  
 Santa Paula  
 Santee  
 Saratoga  
 Scotts Valley  
 Seal Beach  
 Shafter  
 Shasta Lake  
 Signal Hill  
 Simi Valley  
 Solana Beach  
 Solvang  
 South Gate  
 South Lake Tahoe  
 South Pasadena  
 Stockton  
 Sunnyvale  
 Taft  
 Tehachapi  
 Temecula  
 Temple City  
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 Union City  
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