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

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1487 (Chiu)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1487, which enacts the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Housing Finance Act (BAHFA) to raise, administer, and allocate funding at a regional level for tenant protection, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production.

This bill provides the Association of Bay Areas Governments (ABAG) the authority to propose ballot measures in nine Bay Area counties, to impose new parcel taxes, development fees (commercial linkage tax), a tax on employment (head tax) and gross receipts business license taxes.

Proponents tout this bill as a solution to the housing crisis, but the truth is that raising taxes and creating additional government bureaucracy will do nothing to solve California's housing crisis. Increasing the cost of living for Bay Area residents makes housing less affordable, not more.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto of AB 1487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader