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The Honorable Richard Bloom
Member, California State Assembly
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**Re: AB 2501 (Bloom): Housing: Density Bonuses
As amended on August 19, 2016 – Neutral**

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has removed our opposition to your AB 2501. CSAC understands that safe, clean and decent housing that is affordable to all income levels is essential to the health, safety and prosperity of all Californians and that the state is reaching a crisis point regarding both the availability of housing and its affordability. Your legislation would seek to address this crisis by ensuring that the developer of a housing project is able to access any density bonus that the project is entitled to under state law without facing unnecessary hurdles.

We appreciate the amendments you have taken to resolve CSAC's prior procedural and policy concerns with the measure. For these reasons, CSAC now has a neutral position on AB 2501. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-327-7500, ext. 566, or kvalentine@counties.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kiana Valentine'.

Kiana Valentine
Legislative Representative

cc: Alison Dinmore, Consultant, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
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