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The Honorable David Chiu
Assemblymember, 17th District
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3040 (Chiu) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, I am writing to express our support to AB 3040, your measure that would allow cities and counties to receive a specified credit towards meeting their regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) for rezoning single-family sites to allow four units per parcel.

As you know, local governments across the state have received, or expect to receive, significantly higher RHNA allocations in the 6th housing element cycle. AB 3040 would provide a process whereby local governments would have a greater certainty that they could accommodate a portion of their RHNA by upzoning to allow small multi-family projects in existing neighborhoods with single-family units.

Additionally, the City appreciates that you have taken an approach that provides local governments with incentives to create additional housing opportunities. We feel that AB 3040 advances goals that are shared by the state and local governments, adequately planning for the future housing needs of a community, but does so in a way that allows for local governments to work cooperatively with the state, local residents, and other stakeholders to best determine how growth is planned for, and carried out.

Lastly, the City would like to encourage you to work with local government stakeholders to allow the rezoning to occur as part of housing element implementation. This flexibility would help encourage local governments who are further along in their 6th cycle update to utilize these provisions, as they might otherwise not have sufficient time to complete the rezoning before the housing element certification date.

It is for these reasons that the City of Cupertino is glad to take a support position on AB 3040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven M. Scharf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Steven Scharf
Mayor
City of Cupertino

cc: Senator Jim Beall
Assemblymember Evan Low
Assemblymember Marc Berman