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The Honorable Governor Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O St, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bruce Ehlers
Mayor

RE: AB 87 (Boerner) Local Housing Plans: Enforcement – Request to Sign

Dear Governor Newsom,

Joy Lyndes
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas writes to express our strong support of AB 87, which would ensure that California's Density Bonus Law (DBL) is used for its original intent of creating affordable housing and is not misapplied to facilitate hotel and other visitor-serving developments that do not address our state's housing crisis.

Jim O'Hara
Council Member

AB 87 rightly refocuses DBL incentives on residential projects by requiring that at least 70% of the square footage in mixed-use DBL developments be dedicated to residential use, while explicitly prohibiting the use of these incentives for hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, or other visitor-serving facilities. This reform aligns with the original legislative intent of DBL and ensures that our community benefits from much-needed affordable housing instead of commercial developments that do not address the urgent needs of working Californians.

Maro San Antonio
Council Member

For these reasons, we urge you to sign AB 87 (Boerner). Thank you for your consideration.

Luke Shaffer
Council Member

Sincerely,

Bruce Ehlers
Mayor
City of Encinitas

Jennifer Campbell
City Manager

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