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May 4, 2017

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

The Honorable Patricia Bates  
California State Senate, District 36  
State Capitol Building, Room 305  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 34 (BATES): SUPPORT

Bob Kellar  
Councilmember

Dear Senator Bates:

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita is pleased to support SB 34, which would require the State Department of Health Care Services to report to the Legislature, regarding residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities in a community.

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

On April 25, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support SB 34. As you well know, many local authorities have experienced challenges related to the concentration of residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities in the past several years. In addition, several years ago the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) issued a license for an alcohol and drug residential treatment facility in Santa Clarita. In spite of efforts to engage DHCS regarding a rumored application, the department responded to the City only after the license was issued. We believe that local governments should be consulted regarding pending applications to ensure that the department is aware of any unique or specific circumstances related to the proposed location.

We look forward to working with you regarding this issue of concern to Santa Clarita and other communities. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's support of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or [mmurphy@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mmurphy@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor



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