May 3, 2021

The Honorable David Chiu  
Chair, Assembly Housing Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

RE: AB 1258 (NGUYEN) HOUSING ELEMENT. REGIONAL HOUSING NEED PLAN. JUDICIAL REVIEW- NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Dear Chair Chiu:

The City of Thousand Oaks must respectfully oppose AB 1258. The State Department of Housing and Community Development in consultation with each council of governments is responsible for determining each region’s existing and projected housing need known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RNHA). This bill would require that the final regional plan is subject to judicial review.

This bill is unnecessary. If there was a question or dispute about the final RHNA plan, there is already an administrative and judicial process in place which is written into the State constitution. Metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) or council of governments can appeal their regional allocation to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Correspondingly cities can appeal their local RHNA number to their MPO. If after statutory provisions have been exhausted, cities can seek legal action.

Adding a judicial process is simply unnecessary. For these reasons, the City of Thousand Oaks opposes AB 1258.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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