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August 21, 2020

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 1383- Unlawful employment practice: family leave  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Jackson,

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition to SB 1383, related to amending the California Family Rights Act. This bill requires an employer with at least 5 employees to grant 12 weeks of protected leave each year and threatens litigation for any unintentional mistakes.

As you know, small businesses are struggling to stay afloat during this pandemic, just like many individuals are. By requiring employers to allow prolonged leaves of absence, we are placing another weight on their shoulders and putting their business at risk of closure due in part to continual staffing concerns. This bill is not constrained to a specific duration – such as the span of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We understand the need for laws that provide individuals to meet their personal and family needs, especially during a state of emergency. However, we cannot support this legislation so long as it harms small community-based businesses.

Sincerely,

Jerry Thorne  
Mayor of Pleasanton

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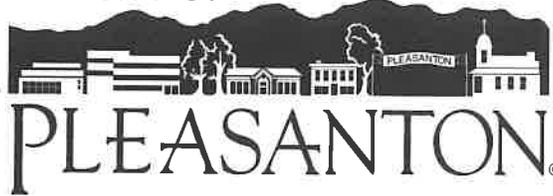
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The Honorable Bill Quirk  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4144  
Sacramento, CA, 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 2560- Water Quality Notifications  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I am writing to express my support for AB 2560 which would require the State Water Resource Control Board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising notification or response levels.

This bill would require the State Water Board to post on its website and distribute through e-mail information explaining it has initiated the development of a response to a water contaminant, including supporting documents and whether or not those documents were peer reviewed. It would also require the Board to include information at a public meeting prior to finalizing the response or notification. The bill would create standards for public noticing that would increase the level of transparency of water quality and create a notification process that allows the public to easily access critical water quality information.

Historically, a process has been used to develop a notification level (NL) or response level (RL) for the anticipation of possible contamination from hazardous waste sites or superfund sites. However, there is a current lack of public noticing for other chemicals, including perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). This bill takes the first steps to ensuring that adequate and sensible measures are taken when addressing issues related to water contaminants. I thank you for introducing this common-sense legislation that will help protect drinking water for all Californians.

The City of Pleasanton delivers water to 22,000 customers annually from City groundwater wells and from Zone 7. We are currently dealing with PFAS in one of our groundwater wells. We appreciate this added transparency that will allow us to engage, provide feedback and plan for potential changes in notification and response levels in the future.

It is for these reasons that I support AB 2560. Thank you for all of your work on this important policy issue.

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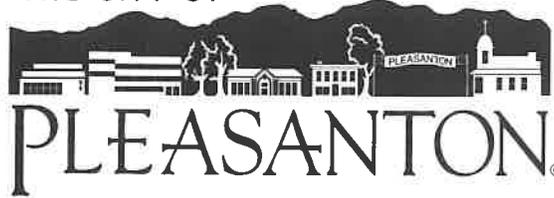
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The Honorable Sydney Kamlager  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4015  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 2054- Emergency services: community response: grant program  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Kamlager:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support for AB 2054 and thank you for bringing this bill forward during this critical time. AB 2054 will establish the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act pilot program, which will scale up community-based alternatives to police.

Communities all across experience numerous emergencies related to mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, and the like, all of which would be better suited to be addressed by peer support experts, mental health providers or crisis counselors trained in de-escalating and resolving crises. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, these experts are needed more than ever, and they will provide vital relief for our peace officers, while also providing an expert level of care.

Again, I am pleased to support AB 2054 and thank you for your dedicated work on this important policy issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Marc Levine  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5135  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 2178- Emergency Services  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Levine:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support for AB 2178 and thank you for having brought this bill forward during this critical time.

This bill would make Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) or deenergization an applicable event under the declaration of a "state of emergency" and a "local emergency". As such, affected parties including municipalities would be eligible for certain aid and resources from the County and State Office of Emergency Services.

In the City of Pleasanton, we experienced three PSPS events in 2019 and we activated our City's Emergency Operation Center each time. This was definitely a local emergency, affecting the City's ability to provide vital services to our community such as water delivery and providing traffic signals at key intersections. This bill would allow us to rely on the County OES and State OES if needed. The City has been engaged in the CPUC rule making process to address this issue as well.

I appreciate your recognition of this important issue and your efforts to assist us in being able to meet our community's needs in an emergency. I am pleased to support AB 2178 and hope to remain engaged in this topic in subsequent legislative sessions and with the CPUC.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable David Chiu  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 3269 (Chiu) State and local agencies: homelessness plan  
Letter of Opposition Unless Amended from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to voice my respectful opposition unless amended to AB 3269. Though this bill seeks to effectively address homelessness, it will present numerous challenges to municipalities with less robust human services programs throughout California.

AB 3269 would require a county and all of the cities within the county to develop an actionable plan to reduce homelessness by 90 percent by December 31, 2028. However, we are concerned that there is no state funding to cover the costs of developing the plan. Additionally, there are no new resources for cities to fund the facilities and services needed to attempt to reduce homelessness by 90 percent in just seven short years.

This bill makes an assumption that all cities are starting on an "equal" or "level" playing field as it relates to the amount of human services available and being provided in their jurisdiction. This is simply not the case. In the Tri-Valley many of our cities share resource centers which are located in one jurisdiction but not another, and as such we are concerned about the provision imposing a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 per individual transported to a different jurisdiction.

I would like to thank you for your dedicated work on this pressing policy issue, and although our City stands in opposition, we hope to work with you in the near future on addressing California's severe homelessness issue in a way that is compassionate, equitable, and effective.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Toni Atkins  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 1120- Subdivisions: tentative maps  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Pro Tem Atkins:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to voice my respectful opposition to SB 1120. This bill would allow for additional residential density in existing single-family neighborhoods, without the benefit of design review or discretionary approval, which could greatly alter the character and livability of these areas.

Without limitations on demolition of existing properties, much larger duplex structures could come to replace more modestly-sized single family homes throughout cities in California. SB 1120, while including some tenant protections, does not guarantee affordability and thus is unlikely to result in an increase in the supply of affordable units.

I would like to thank you and your staff for your dedicated work on this pressing policy issue, and although our City was unable to support this bill, we look forward to working in collaboration with you and the rest of the Legislature in the near future to continue addressing California's housing issues.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 902- Planning and zoning: housing development: density  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support for SB 902, related to the rezoning of land for residential use.

I would like to thank you for crafting a piece of legislation that promotes housing while maintaining local control. Senate Bill 902 allows local governments a streamlined path to zone neighborhoods for gentle, missing middle density — up to ten units per parcel (tenplex) — if they choose. We truly appreciate the opt-in nature of this bill and also your recent amendments to remove the provision allowing local governments to override a voter-approved initiative related to land use.

Many local governments in California are motivated independently to increase density in neighborhoods; however, various state and local laws make it extremely difficult to do these common-sense rezonings quickly – even very mild efforts are often mired in expensive, decades-long legal appeals and litigation. This bill solves these issues and allows municipalities to develop in a way that is best for their immediate community.

Again, I am pleased to support SB 902 and thank you and your staff for your spirit of collaboration and dedicated work on this important policy issue.

Sincerely,

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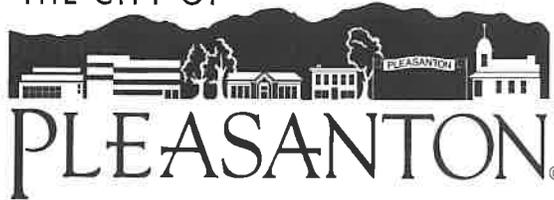
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*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 899- Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition to SB 899, related to making housing a use by right on land owned by a religious institution or nonprofit college.

SB 899 allows, without discretionary approval, housing projects to be developed on sites owned by religious institutions or an education non-profit – to do this the organization must partner with non-profit developer, and all units must be deed restricted as affordable housing. If in a Residential zoning district, development is allowed at the densities allowed by State law for lower-income units (in Pleasanton, 30 DUA); in Commercial districts, up to 40 DUA must be allowed.

Although this bill seeks to address the affordable housing shortage in California, it could allow for a church site or religiously affiliated property to be redeveloped without any review, thus eliminating local control.

I want to thank you for your dedicated work to seek solutions to California's housing crisis and for partnering with our City and other stakeholders, but again, we must oppose SB 899 due to the complete loss of local control over a development.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 1085- Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition to SB 1085 related to amending Density Bonus Law in California.

Current Density Bonus Law already allows generous concessions and waivers for projects that have as low as 5% affordable units. Additional concessions could result in projects that are oversized for their communities, deem a local jurisdiction's development standards as obsolete, and erode community character, without necessarily delivering large numbers of affordable units. Even in the limited number of places in California where rents are unaffordable to moderate-income households, the unmet needs of very low-income households are far greater.

Additionally, we have concerns regarding the provisions that would not allow for impact fees, in-lieu fees, and other public benefit fees to be imposed on a housing development's affordable units or bonus units. While we appreciate the desire to reduce the costs associated with affordable housing, the fees in question are directly related to the infrastructure and services needed to support those that will reside in the housing development.

Overall, this bill would not incentivize the development of affordable housing units and would diminish local control over development. For these reasons, I am opposed to SB 1085.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 2345- Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition to AB 2345 related to expanding density bonus incentives.

AB 2345 would make numerous changes to Density Bonus Law by extending the density formulas to a maximum density of 50%, allowing developers to receive up to five concessions and incentives for including additional density, and reducing parking ratios.

Current State law provides generous density bonuses and opportunities for development concessions today, but this bill would allow for substantially larger projects than envisioned in local zoning, with potential waivers of controls on limitations such as height, setbacks, and lot coverage that help to ensure projects are consistent and compatible with neighborhood character.

Overall, this bill would significantly diminish local control which is why I respectfully oppose AB 2345, but do thank you for your dedicated efforts on the pressing policy issue of increasing affordable housing stock in California.

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The Honorable Toni Atkins  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
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*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 995- Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Pro Tem Atkins:

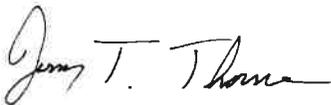
On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to voice my support for SB 995 related to streamlining development for local jurisdictions statewide.

This bill does a great job promoting affordable housing, including a minimum percentage of affordable housing with long-term affordability agreements. It also provides additional opportunities for cities like Pleasanton to voluntarily revise and adopt local community plans and policies to support more housing, and to reform funding and administrative processes to encourage affordable housing production.

Further this bill would retain local control and the ability to make projects subject to CEQA review, with more certainty for developers who are able to achieve a certified EIR, and that any judicial review will be completed in a streamlined manner.

Again, I am pleased to support Senate Bill 995 and thank you for you and your staff's spirit of collaboration and dedicated work on this bill.

Sincerely,



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State Capitol, Room 4112  
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*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 3040- Local planning: regional housing need assessment  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support for AB 3040 related to helping local governments reach their RHNA numbers.

AB 3040 would authorize cities and counties to receive a specified credit towards meeting their regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) for moderate- and above moderate-income housing if they identify sites in the housing element that contain a single family dwelling unit but allow four units as a use by right.

We greatly appreciate that this bill can be of particular benefit to cities that are largely built out and may have limited sites available to meet RHNA. Additionally, the bill maintains local control since it does not mandate or require such rezonings, and provides useful flexibility for cities who may otherwise struggle to find sites to meet their RHNA.

Again, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 3040 and thank you for your work on this pressing policy issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5160  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 725- General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions  
Letter of Opposition from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Wicks:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition to AB 725 related to increasing moderate and above moderate housing in certain California neighborhoods.

AB 725 would require a metropolitan jurisdiction to allocate at least 25% of its share of the regional housing need for moderate- and above moderate-income housing to sites with zoning that allow at least 4 units of housing, as specified, in the housing element's inventory of land suitable for residential development.

While this bill intends to encourage a greater share of moderate and above moderate units to be accomplished through multi-family versus single family zoning, existing housing element law provides extensive regulation on the types of sites and allowable zoning parameters that may be used to demonstrate sufficient RHNA capacity. Regulations have become increasingly stringent over time, and add significant challenges and complexity to the housing elements sites inventory process.

Overall, this bill tries the one-size-fits-all approach to increasing density. For this reason and those stated above, we are respectfully opposed to AB 725.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Chris Holden  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5132  
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*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 1022- Peace officers: use of force  
Letter of Opposition Unless Amended from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to voice my respectful opposition unless amended to AB 1022 related to law enforcement requirements and reform.

This bill would require law enforcement agencies and its policies to require officers to immediately report potential excessive force, and to intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force. The bill would also require those policies to prohibit retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor and to require that an officer who fails to intercede be disciplined in the same manner as the officer who used excessive force. In addition to those provisions, it would require the policies prohibit retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor and would require that an officer who fails to intercede be disciplined in the same manner as the officer who used excessive force.

While the duty to intercede is a moral requirement, this bill creates a scenario where an officer arriving on scene with limited knowledge and context could be held liable and disciplined at a high level for being present at the incident without direct knowledge of what occurred. We feel that we cannot place the blame on an officer who finds themselves in that situation. The legislation also removes local control in discipline by requiring the department to impose the same level of discipline without any consideration of mitigating or aggravating circumstances.

I would like to thank you for your dedicated work on this pressing policy issue, but our City remains in opposition unless amended to address the concerns stated above.

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The Honorable Mike Gipson  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Assembly Bill 1196- Peace officers: use of force  
Letter of Support if Amended from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Assemblymember Gipson:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support if amended, for AB 1196 related to prohibited policing restraint tactics.

This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a choke hold, as defined, and techniques or transport methods that involve a substantial risk of positional asphyxia.

The City of Pleasanton strongly agrees with the major provision of eliminating choke holds state-wide. In fact, our local police department banned that tactic in the early 1990's. However, we do have some concern about how the bill has not been amended to clarify the overly vague language used to define positional asphyxia. This lack of clarity will create uncertainty in the implementation of the law.

In all, this is an important piece of legislation and we thank you for bringing it forward and for your dedicated work to law enforcement reform. Again, we are pleased to support this bill if amended to clarify the provision on positional asphyxia.

Sincerely,

Jerry Thorne  
Mayor of Pleasanton

Cc: Pleasanton City Council  
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The Honorable Rudy Salas  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4016  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1299- Peace officers: employment  
Letter of Support from the City of Pleasanton**

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write to express my support for AB 1299 related to POST reporting.

AB 1299 would require law enforcement agencies to notify the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) when a peace officer separates from employment and when an officer does so with a pending complaint, charge, or investigation of a serious nature. It would also require the agency to complete the investigation and report the outcome to POST, which would be required to maintain the information in a manner accessible to the officer, the employing agency, and any prospective employing agency.

We appreciate that this bill provides a high level of transparency and accountability for law enforcement officers, while providing a resource to law enforcement agencies to ensure that they hire the highest caliber of officer to serve our community.

Again, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 1299 and thank you for your work on this important policy issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Steven Bradford  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2059  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 731- Peace Officers: civil rights  
Letter of Opposition unless Amended from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Bradford:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition unless amended, to SB 731 related to the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act.

This bill would provide that a threat, intimidation, or coercion under the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act may be inherent in any interference with a civil right and would describe intentional acts for these purposes as an act in which the person acted with general intent or a conscious objective to engage in particular conduct.

The triggers for decertification review are subjective and vague, and unlike other professions and trades, the review and decision for decertification is made by a body that is largely unfamiliar with professional standards and best practices.

As such, I must oppose Senate Bill 731 unless amended to address the above stated concerns.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Pleasanton

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Via: Townsend Public Affairs*

**Re: Senate Bill 776- Peace officers: release of records  
Letter of Opposition unless Amended from the City of Pleasanton**

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Pleasanton, I write in respectful opposition unless amended to SB 776, related to the release of records of a law enforcement officer.

SB 776 would make every incident involving use of force subject to disclosure and would remove the requirement that a complaint relating to sexual assault or dishonesty be found to be sustained following an investigation in order to be subject to disclosure. The bill would also require records relating to sustained findings of wrongful arrests and wrongful searches to be subject to disclosure and also require the disclosure of records relating to an incident involving prejudice or discrimination on the basis of specified protected classes. Additionally, SB 776 requires the disclosure of non-sustained and exonerated cases and all use of force incidents.

This bill is overly punitive to officers who have done nothing wrong and will carry a very high cost for implementation, as on the department end, the bill would require the retention of all complaints currently in the possession of a department or agency.

As such, we must oppose Senate Bill 776 unless amended to address the concerns stated above.

Sincerely,

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