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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

September 16, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 9 (Atkins) - Request for Veto

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request a veto on Senate Bill 9 (Atkins), which would require a local government to ministerially approve the development of two residential units in single-family residential zones, as well as the splitting of parcels in those same zones.

The County acknowledges the need to create more housing opportunities for low and moderate income levels. Unfortunately, SB 9 would override the traditional ability of localities to control the development process and would likely not result in housing affordable to low, moderate, and workforce (up to 200% of AMI) income families/individuals in Santa Barbara County.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2021 Legislative Platform which includes the local control principle that specifically opposes the preemption of local control of land use policies. For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests a veto on SB 9 (Atkins). If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Jasmine McGinty at 805-568-3108 or jmccginty@countyofsb.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Senator Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, Author
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The Honorable Senator Monique Limon, 19th Senate District
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