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ASSEMBLY FLOOR ALERT

Senate Bill 937 (Wiener) Development projects: permits: fees and charges—
[As Amended August 22, 2024] **OPPOSE**

August 26, 2024

To: Members of the Assembly

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) and League of California Cities (Cal Cities) respectfully request your “NO” vote on Senate Bill 937 (Wiener).

- SB 937 **restricts the timely funding of vital infrastructure and services** necessary to build new homes in livable, equitable, and thriving communities.
- SB 937 would, among other things, for certain developments, **defer development related fees until the certificate of occupancy or its equivalent**, while drastically limiting exceptions to this rule.
- The bill **locks in those impact fees** prior to the issuance of a building permit and **prohibits the charging of interest or indexing for inflation** on those deferred fees **undermining the buying power of local agencies** between the start and completion of the projects, which could be up to 5 years.
- **New amendments create a new exclusive list of exceptions** to the rule that omits any other projects like parks, open space among many others.
- **New amendments create a new and conflicting standard for the collection of water and sewer connection and capacity fees**, placing them in an inappropriate code section, putting local agencies and their ratepayers at risk of higher rates and liability.
- **One-size-fits all mandates, and financial and legal risk-shifting to local agencies** and the communities, taxpayers, and ratepayers they serve, endanger the timely and affordable delivery of essential infrastructure and services that are required to build and maintain housing developments.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for your “NO” vote on SB 937.

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