



March 10, 2023

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE SB 423 (Wiener) – Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments

Dear Senator Wiener,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of most Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC regrets to inform you that we oppose SB 423, which would remove the sunset date for SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) - currently set to sunset on January 1, 2026. SB 423 also authorizes the State Department of General Services to act in the place of a local agency related to the ministerial review process for development on property owned by or leased to the State.

ACC-OC recognizes the need to consider new ways to provide a variety of housing options for residents. However, this bill erodes local control over land use decisions which impact our communities, particularly with the inclusion of ministerial approval requirements. Further, ACC-OC believes that the effectiveness and impact of SB 35 on the production of housing should be studied before any sunset date is removed.

For those reasons, ACC-OC opposes SB 423. Should you have any questions about our position on this bill or about ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or at wstrack@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

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CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors