



April 1, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McCarty
California State Assembly, District 7
California State Capitol, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1568 (McCarty). General Plans. Housing Element. Production Report.
Withholding of Transportation Funds.
*Notice of Opposition***

Dear Assembly Member McCarty,

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the county, regrets to inform you of our **strong opposition to AB 1568**, a measure that would withhold and divert critical transportation funds from the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1, Beall), for our city's basic maintenance and road repair needs.

Over the last 10 years, the shortfall to preserve the existing system of local streets, roads, bridges, and essential components (i.e. infrastructure incorporated into our local network) has consistently exceeded \$70 billion.¹ Much of that shortfall is attributable to revenue streams drying up due to inflation over 25 years.

Unfortunately, AB 1568 would penalize the cities in Los Angeles County and our taxpayers by withholding and redistributing our share of public road maintenance funds if private industry fails to produce our city's share of regional housing needs for each income category. Threatening to withhold and redistribute our city's transportation funds for the lack of private sector housing production breaks a basic promise to taxpayers that these funds would deliver the transportation safety, pavement condition, and quality of life improvements for every community in California.

The Division is supportive of efforts to help address the housing crisis. Unfortunately, AB 1568 is the wrong approach for California. Any delay or diversion of transportation funds from our city is only going to hurt our residents that are paying for these improvements they were promised and could even exacerbate the housing crisis.

For these reasons, the Los Angeles County Division **strongly opposes AB 1568**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Guerrero at kguerrero@cacities.org.

Sincerely,

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League of California Cities®

cc: Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation

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