

August 10, 2022

Senator Portantino, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

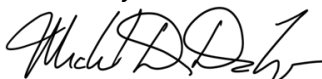
RE: AB 2011 (Wicks) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Portantino and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of LandWatch Monterey County, a regional land use, transportation and climate group with over 30 years of experience advocating for efficient land use on the central coast, I write to register our support for AB 2011 which strikes an ambitious balance of development and workforce policies to facilitate production of affordable and multi-unit housing in underutilized commercial zones. LandWatch works to reduce carbon pollution contributing to climate change, with an emphasis on providing workforce housing within cities, to reduce transportation emissions, while protecting natural and working lands.

LandWatch is currently working to convince cities and counties in our region to produce new Housing Elements capable of meeting updated state housing needs as identified in the latest round of Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA). As we look to identify suitable sites for affordable transit friendly housing, underutilized commercial zones appear to provide promising opportunities. AB 2011 is an innovative approach to jump starting housing production in the areas where we need it the most – near transportation options and jobs - close to where people want to live in the communities where they work, shop and send their kids to school. Statewide policies like AB 2011 can help move transit friendly housing production forward at the local level. LandWatch believes that AB 2011 would make a material difference in Monterey County's ability to provide much needed housing for all income levels. We urge your "aye" vote on AB 2011 when it comes before you. Thank you for your careful attention to our views.

Sincerely,



Michael DeLapa  
Executive Director

Cc: Assemblymember Wicks