



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: February 9, 2021

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Bruno Sabatier, Board Chair and District 2 Supervisor

Subject: Approve Letter of Opposition to SB 55 and Authorize the Chair to Sign

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

As you may be aware, State Senator Henry Stern introduced SB 55, which directly mirrors 2020's SB 474 (Opposed by our Board, died in Committee).

As written, SB 55 would prohibit all retail, commercial, industrial and/or residential development in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) and State Responsibility Areas (SRA), as determined by the Director and State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Much of Lake County falls into one or both of these designations, as demonstrated by this map:

<https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/>

Implications of this bill are considerable for rural areas, including Lake County. As an illustration, were SB 55 law today, the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project would be prohibited by law. Instead of the genuine and realistic excitement that is mounting in South County, Lake County would be facing yet another public policy-driven setback.

While Rural County Representatives of California's (RCRC's) Legislative team indicates SB 55 is unlikely to be heard prior to March, expressing our strong Opposition now has the potential to affect the course of this highly concerning bill.

I recommend our Board approve the attached Letter, and authorize me to sign, as Chair

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?
Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action:

Approve the attached Letter of Opposition to SB 55 and authorize the Chair to sign.