



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

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The Honorable Autumn R. Burke  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
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*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

**RE: AB 2616 (Burke) California Coastal Commission: environmental justice  
OPPOSED UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Burke:

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is opposed, unless amended, to AB 2616 (Burke), which repeals Section 30500.1 of the Public Resources Code. This code currently provides that "No local coastal program shall be required to include housing policies and programs." In repealing this section, your bill would, in essence, require Housing Elements to be included as part of a city's Local Coastal Program (LCP) and, therefore, subject to California Coastal Commission (CCC) review and certification.

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Council Member

The CCC certification would be in addition to certification that is already required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Competing oversight could lead to potential time delays in the implementation of a Housing Element Update. Additionally, it would create more uncertainty in completing state-mandated requirements, given the additional purview of another state agency. State law requires Housing Elements to be updated and adopted within 18 months of the adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Requiring CCC certification of the Housing Element would add further time constraints to an already tight schedule for program implementation of housing policies and programs.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

We urge you to amend AB 2616 (Burke), whereby Section 30500.1 of the Public Resources Code is not repealed. If you make this amendment, we will remove opposition to the bill.

Sincerely,

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

Kristin Gaspar  
Mayor

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