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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Office of Governor
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSITION TO SB 4 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON FAITH LANDS ACT

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Paramount would like to express opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 4, which aims to continue the State's attempt to limit local jurisdiction's ability of self-governance. By requiring approval of certain development projects as a use by right without discretionary review, nullifying parking and height requirements otherwise required by a local jurisdiction, and unnecessarily requiring a density bonus, shows complete disregard to the unique land use, populations, and geography of the range of cities in California.

SB 4 is the latest bill that would force cities to approve certain housing projects without regard to the needs of the individual communities, opportunities for environmental review, or public input. The City recognizes the State's growing housing supply and affordability crisis and intimately understands this crisis as it unfolds in our community every day. Paramount continues work to find creative solutions so homes for all income levels can be built. Paramount takes on these difficult and complex tasks, and in many cases successfully plans for the construction of new homes in our community all while navigating the State's overreaching housing bills that have thus far demonstrated limited success. One such example is the recent approval of an Assisted Senior Living Mixed-Use project being developed in partnership with United Methodist Church all the while abiding by the City's current Zoning Code, rules and regulations, environmental review, and public engagement.

For these reasons, Paramount strongly opposes SB 4 which will have a negative impact on the City's self-governance. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. On behalf of the City of Paramount, we thank you for your time and consideration.

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CC. Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District
Honorable Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, 62nd District
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