

Dear Senator Gelser, Chair, and Members,  
Committee on Human Services & Early Childhood:

I understand that your Committee will have a work session, Monday, involving SB 1575. The Bill would ostensibly encourage local governments to dedicate land for affordable housing, a commendable objective.

We can all agree that it is obvious that there is a need for "affordable housing". However, the reality is that placing such housing outside of urban boundaries, away from services commonly available in such areas, would appear to make life more economically difficult for the buyers of such housing! Considering all of the factors involved, the end result is that the measure may well make housing less--not more--affordable for a large percentage of potential buyers, thus defeating the whole purpose and the need for passage of SB 1575.

"Affordability" is the basic primary factor that drives SB 1575, one that Senator Edwards may have overlooked when he sponsored the Measure. I hope your Committee will not commit the same error, and that the Measure will be allowed to die. I hope you will allow it to do so in your Committee.

A courtesy copy of this message is being furnished to Senate President Peter Courtney.

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