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Hon. Scott Wiener, Chair  
Senate Housing Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: OPPOSE SB 477 (Wiener) as introduced 2/17/21**

Dear Chairman Wiener,

Livable California, a 501(C)4 non-profit organization, provides policy education affecting all Californians and represents over 10,000 followers committed to critical aspects of state policy at the local level. We support affordable housing.

The SB 477 mandates cities add a multitude of reporting categories to the annual Report of the Housing Element. It is a needless array of data to which there is no explanation of use, utility or even a hint at how this "paperwork" will produce affordable housing in the state.

A better approach would be for the State of California to design a digital Dashboard for all desired housing categories into which cities can periodically upload data as projects are filed, entitled, permitted and constructed.

SB 477 erodes the ability of Planners to focus on critical pending projects and diverts them to unexplained bookkeeping. It further eliminates the authority of locally-elected representatives reviewing and making local decisions.

We strongly OPPOSE SB 477.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of Livable California

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Rick Hall, President

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