



May 15, 2019

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 13 (Wieckowski) – Oppose [As Amended March 11, 2019]

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

The Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) is respectfully opposed to Senate Bill 13. SB 13 prohibits impact fees on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) smaller than 750 square feet and significantly limits the impact fees that may be charged to larger ADUs. The Cosumnes CSD serves an estimated 190,680 south Sacramento County residents in a 157-square mile area. Its award-winning parks and recreation services – including the operation of more than 90 parks – operate exclusively within the Elk Grove community. Fire protection and emergency medical services are provided for the cities of Elk Grove and Galt and unincorporated areas of south Sacramento County.

Given that revenue for local governments is tightly restricted by the California Constitution, fees are one of the few ways that special districts can offset the indirect costs of growth. Impact fees are critical for park, fire protection, and other types of districts trying to recoup their costs for providing infrastructure and services to new accessory dwelling unit developments.

SB 13's restrictions on impact fees could not come at a more critical time for the bottom line of fire services already stretched thin by California's ever more dangerous fire season. Impact fees pay for increasing firefighting capacity, acquiring new personnel, facilities, vehicles and equipment to maintain service levels and protect the lives property within new structures, including ADUs. With substantial increases in neighborhood density, comes the need to purchase and crew additional fire response apparatus.

Recreation and park districts depend on impact fees to establish new parks as neighborhoods grow. Park fees were implemented during the post war boom to ensure that all California neighborhoods would have access to parks and open space.

Impact fees are an important tool for special districts to provide services, infrastructure, and quality of life for local communities. The impact fee caps in SB 13 will reduce local government funding for public safety and quality of life investments. For these reasons, Cosumnes Community Services District respectfully opposes SB 13 unless it is amended.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joshua Green, General Manager
Cosumnes Community Services District

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