



*City of
Encinitas*

Office of
The Mayor

September 2, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Brown
California State Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

AB 744 (Chau) – Request for Veto

Catherine S. Blakespear
Deputy Mayor

Dear Governor Brown:

The City of Encinitas is strongly opposed to AB 744 (Chau). **We maintain that density rounding and parking are local issues and local land use decisions should be made at the local level.** Our city has only one transit center and the radius the bill prescribes encompasses an area that already presents a parking challenge.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

The current state density bonus law already allows developers to reduce parking standards through "waivers" and "concessions". As such, there is no need to change current law on this point. **We do not believe that current law regarding minimum parking standards should be changed.**

Mark Muir
Council Member

We are also opposed to the language in AB 744 (Chau) exempting senior and special needs housing developments from minimum parking requirements if they are within one-half mile of a transit center. There appears to be an assumption that seniors aged 62 or older do not require automobiles, or do not have visitors requiring parking. We have several senior developments in our city and all of them are dependent upon cars to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

Lisa Shaffer
Council Member

For the above reasons, the City of Encinitas is opposed to AB 744 (Chau) Density bonus parking. We request your veto on this unnecessary legislation.

Sincerely,

Kristin Gaspar
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

Cc: City Council
JGC Government Relations