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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins  
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**RE: AB 1229 (Atkins). Land use: zoning regulations. (As introduced)**  
**Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Atkins:

The League of California Cities Latino Caucus is pleased to support your AB 1229, which would restore cities' zoning authority for inclusionary housing.

In the appellate court decision, *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties L.P. v. City of Los Angeles*, 175 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1396 (2009), the courts took a very broad interpretation of the Costa-Hawkins Act and its application on inclusionary housing ordinances, opining that inclusionary housing ordinances with regards to rental housing conflicted with and were preempted by the Costa-Hawkins Act. Costa-Hawkins was intended to restrict systems of rent control, not preclude rent restrictions on inclusionary housing.

Inclusionary housing programs are an important tool in the production of affordable new homes for working families. As a result, California's affordable housing stock continues to be severely diminished.

For these reasons, the League of California Cities Latino Caucus supports AB 1229.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Ricardo Lara, Legislative Latino Caucus Chair  
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