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The Honorable Chris Ward  
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
1020 N St, Room 124  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2243 (Wicks) Affordable Housing and High Roads Jobs Act of 2022.  
Notice of OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Ward,

The City of Brentwood regrettably must oppose measure AB 2243 (Wicks) which would make significant changes to a law you authored in 2021, AB 2011, that has yet to be fully implemented.


AB 2011 requires cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, certain affordable housing and mixed-use housing developments in zones where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use regardless of any inconsistency with a local government's general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation.

AB 2243 would expand the above provisions and force cities to allow by-right development that: 1) convert office buildings into housing units, even if the site is not located along a major commercial corridor, 2) occur in "regional malls" that exceed 20 acres, but no more than 100 acres; and 3) takes place in high-rise districts that are not located along a major commercial corridor.

The City of Brentwood strongly believes that cities need the time and space to implement the dozens of new housing laws passed in recent years. Additionally, many cities are still actively working to update their required housing element. Before making yet more changes to the law, lawmakers and the Governor should partner with cities to ensure that they have the necessary tools and technical assistance to develop housing plans that work in each unique community.

For these reasons, The City of Brentwood must oppose AB 2243.

Sincerely,

  
Joel R. Bryant  
Mayor

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