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July 12, 2024

The Honorable Lori Wilson  
Member, California State Assembly  
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**RE: AB 2632 (Wilson) Planning and zoning: thrift retail stores.  
Notice of OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Wilson,

The City of Brentwood regrettably must oppose your measure AB 2632, which would prohibit local agencies from treating a thrift retail store differently from a non-thrift retail store engaged in the sale of new items for zoning, development standards, and permitting.

Thrift stores have gained popularity in recent years as the sale of secondhand goods provides residents more affordable options for clothing and other necessities. Local governments recognize the importance of having these retail operations available to residents, and the positive economic force they can be for jurisdictions. However, thrift stores, given their unique role in donation collection, can have more significant impacts on the area surrounding the business location, making consideration of each project on a case-by-case basis and compliance with local zoning and health and safety measures even more important.

Local governments are tasked with ensuring that businesses do not impede on the welfare of the community and must consider the impacts donation facilities have on traffic flow, public health, and noise, which differ from retail stores that do not receive, or have to dispose of, used goods. AB 2632 requires local jurisdiction to treat thrift retail stores in the same manner as retail stores in zoning, permitting and imposing development standards. This makes it impossible for local governments to considering the increased traffic, illegal dumping, and increased fire risk that may come with these types of facilities.

The City of Brentwood believes thrift retail stores have a place in our communities but it is imperative that local governments retain the ability to weigh the factors, impacts and consequences of siting thrift stores, as we do with every other type of businesses in our communities.

*Assembly Bill 2632 (Wilson) Planning and zoning: thrift retail stores.*

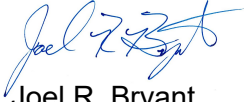
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AB 2632 overrides the ability of local governments to ensure public health and safety through established permitting processes and therefore we must oppose your bill.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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