



August 9, 2026

To: President pro Tempore Limón and California State Senators
Re: AB-1621 Planning and Zoning Law: post entitlement phase permits: Housing Accountability Act. **OPPOSE**

Senators:

Neighbors For A Better San Diego (NFABSD) opposes AB-1621, as last amended on June 3, 2026.

AB-1621 assumes that local building departments are acting in bad faith and therefore need to have their review processes dictated by the Legislature. Processing of building applications should be administered by local agencies without the heavy-handed approach of AB-1621, which assumes that all projects, regardless of complexity and complications discovered during the review process, can be addressed with an arbitrary limit of two plan checks.

Instead, the Legislature should assume that local building departments are good faith actors, and that if circumstances arise that require additional plan review cycles, then local departments should be trusted to make sure that projects satisfy development regulations and other requirements.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Hueter".

Geoffrey Hueter, Chair
Neighbors For A Better San Diego