



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 1087, the most significant update to California's Sustainable Communities Strategy framework since SB 375 was enacted nearly two decades ago.

SB 375 established the first statewide framework for coordinating long-term transportation, infrastructure, and development planning with California's climate goals. It recognized that meeting our climate goals would require more than cleaner vehicles alone and, for the first time, called on regional planning agencies, working with the communities they represent, to take a comprehensive view of the policies and investments that help shape how their communities grow. That vision remains essential. But experience has shown that too much time and too many resources can be spent repeatedly developing plans instead of carrying them out.

SB 1087 shifts the focus toward implementation. It extends the Sustainable Communities Strategy planning cycle from four years to eight, better aligns state transportation investments with regional priorities, and strengthens accountability among state, regional, and local partners for carrying out the policies, investments, and projects needed to support sustainable development and economic growth.

SB 1087 preserves SB 375's longstanding approach to regional coordination while maintaining local land-use authority. The role of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) remains limited to establishing regional emissions-reduction targets. The bill does not authorize CARB to direct local land-use decisions or change local control over zoning, project entitlements, or permits for housing and other development projects. It does not alter state

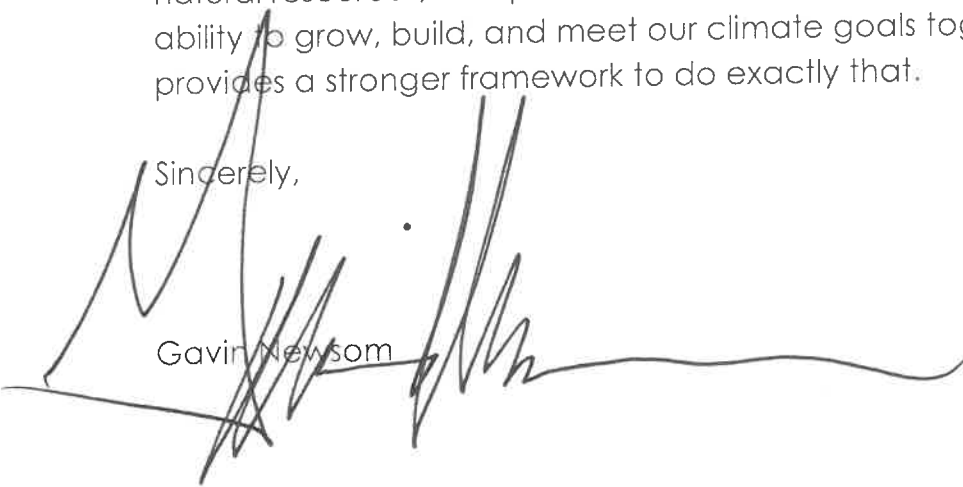


housing law or create a new approval process for development projects. Importantly, SB 1087 establishes a more streamlined, durable framework for setting and reviewing regional emission-reduction targets without impeding the state's broader efforts to accelerate housing production.

How and where we grow shapes the long-term demands on infrastructure, natural resources, and public services. California's future depends on our ability to grow, build, and meet our climate goals together. SB 1087 provides a stronger framework to do exactly that.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

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