



## City Council Agenda Item

**City Council Meeting Date:** August 1, 2023

**TO:** Dean Albro, City Manager

**FROM:** Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve and Direct the Mayor to Sign Letters of Opposition to Senate Bill 423 and Assembly Bill 309

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council approve and direct the Mayor to sign letters of opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 423 and Assembly Bill (AB) 309 (Attachments 1 and 2).

### **Background:**

SB 423 would require cities to ministerially approve certain multifamily housing projects without public input or environmental review, even on parcels under the California Coastal Commission's jurisdiction. Cities would have no ability to impose zoning standards, objective standards, or design review requirements on state-owned or leased land.

AB 309 would create the Social Housing Program within the Department of General Services to facilitate the construction of government-owned housing on leased state property or excess state-owned property. Cities would have no ability to impose zoning standards, objective standards, or design review requirements on state-owned or -leased land.

SB 423 and AB 309 have not been set for a hearing in the Appropriations Committees. However, they will be heard sometime between August 14 and September 1, 2023.

### **Discussion:**

Lompoc city officials intimately understand the housing crisis as it plays out in their communities every day. We are working on policies, which are included in the recently submitted Lompoc Housing Element update of the General Plan, on creative solutions so homes of all income levels can be built.

SB 423 and AB 309 are the latest overreaching bills that would disregard state-mandated local housing plans and expand state authority to approve housing on state-owned or -leased lands without following local zoning or development standards.

Instead of continuing to pursue top-down, one-size-fits-all legislation, lawmakers should partner with local officials and opposition letters are one way to encourage such effort by lawmakers.

California will never produce the number of homes needed with an increasingly state driven, by-right housing approval process, rather it will only remove local control of what our community desires to see Lompoc grow to become.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**Conclusion:**

Opposition to SB 423 and AB 309 will protect the City's authority and ability to control local zoning standards, objective standards and/or development standards on state-owned or -leased land in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christie Alarcon, Community Development Director

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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Dean Albro, City Manager

- Attachments: 1) Letters of Opposition to SB 423 (Hart and Limon)  
2) Letter of Opposition to AB 309 (Hart and Limon)