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Honorable Chris R, Holden
Chair of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations
1021 O Street, Room 8220, Sacramento, CA 92514
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**RE: SB 1131 (Newman) Address confidentiality: public entity employees and contractors.
(As Amended June 23, 2022) – Notice of Support**

Dear Honorable Holden:

The City of Vista supports SB 1131 (Newman). This bill will save lives by allowing for address confidentiality for code enforcement officers and other individuals who face violence, threats, and harassment due to their work for a public entity.

SB 1131 would authorize Code Enforcement Officers to apply for the Safe at Home (SAH) program administered by the California Secretary of State's office. SAH provides a substitute mailing address for enrollees to receive first class, certified, and registered mail. The address is accepted by California state, county, and city government agencies in lieu of a residential or other mailing address whereby a home address can be tracked down. SAH keeps residential addresses confidential and out of the hands of someone who might obtain them with the intent to harm an officer or their families.

Code enforcement officers risk their health and safety and at times, even their lives protecting our communities. Their work is critical to improving the health, safety, and quality of life for millions of Californians. While work exposure is a known risk, no officer should be forced to worry about the risks of their employment following them to a personal residence where children and loved ones are often present.

We respectfully request your support on Senate Bill 1131. For questions or to coordinate a further discussion, please contact Imelda M. Huerta, Assistant to the City Manager at (760) 643-5208 or ihuerta@cityofvista.com. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter
Mayor

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