

Dear Kim,

Thank you for staying vigilant in the efforts to amend the affordable housing law (830-g) in order to increase affordable housing while discouraging greedy developers from exploiting the law to maximize personal gain. Please pass along this statement in support of amending the statute.

To whom it may concern:

Fairfield and similar towns like it have a grave need for more affordable housing. Statute 830-g was put in place to stimulate the development of more affordable housing, however, the letter of the law leaves towns extremely vulnerable to the exploits of greedy developers out to squeeze the most \$\$ out of the smallest parcel of land. It is the responsibility of our legislature to formulate a balanced approach that fosters the development of affordable housing while balancing the needs of the local community with the opportunities afforded to real estate developers. The current statute allows developers to disregard most of the local zoning regulations and put the burden of denial squarely on town Planning and Zoning Commissions. From my limited experience this came to light during the economic recession when developers could not sustain the extreme profits enjoyed during the real estate bubble and set their sights on alternative sources of profit -- building under 830g was targeted as the easiest way to turn profits during difficult times. Since having been involved with a local effort to block a developer from exploiting the current 830-g statutes to maximize profits on an investment, no matter the effects on the surrounding community, my interest in the matter has been very high and I applaud the efforts undertaken by my elected representatives (Mrs. Fawcett being a driving force) as well as grass roots efforts by equally concerned citizens to bring common sense to the situation.

Best regards,

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