



March 2, 2019

Mayor Joe Gunter and Members of the Salinas City Council Finance Committee  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: Chamber Support for temporary ADU Fee Exemption

Dear Mayor Gunter and Finance Committee,

The Chamber supports the City's proposed 5-year exemption on development impact fees for the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Housing is the Chamber's top concern and we support sensible actions such as this temporary moratorium that incentivize the construction of badly-needed housing.

The Chamber highlights the comparison made by City Staff between this proposed exemption and the probable cost of other subsidies needed to build housing and that the five-year exemption from ADU development impact fees is a much more economical way to facilitate housing production.

This makes perfect sense and we encourage the Finance Committee to recommend adoption to the full Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul J. Farmer".

**Paul J. Farmer**

President & CEO, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce

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cc: City Manager Ray Corpuz, City Attorney Chris Callihan, Megan Hunter