

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recognizes the importance of addressing the availability of affordable housing in a fair, equitable, and community-focused manner; and

WHEREAS, existing law under SB 375 (Steinberg, 2005) encourages coordination of housing and transportation policy, with greater land use intensity and more housing near transit. Additionally, under AB 2097 (Friedman, 2022) and AB 2011 (Wicks, 2022), existing law preempts certain local land use restrictions that limit housing near transit and allows greater densities near transit; and

WHEREAS, SB 79 establishes new state zoning standards around train stations and major bus stops (bus rapid transit stops) that allow for multi-family homes up to seven stories near immediately surrounding major transit stops, with lower height standards extending up to half a mile away from such stops; and

WHEREAS, while the intent of SB 79 may be to address issues around the supply of housing, the bill's provisions further undermines local governance, circumvents local decision-making processes, and imposes unintended burdens on communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a strong interest in maintaining, what little remains, of local control over land use and zoning laws to best serve the needs of its residents, ensure community input, and protect the unique character of its neighborhoods while still complying with state housing needs.

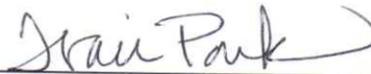
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION for SB 79 (Wiener) unless amended to exempt municipalities with a state-approved and compliant Housing Element.

PRESENTED BY



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