

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I'm writing as a resident of the Fairfax District who is deeply invested in building a safer, more sustainable, and more affordable Los Angeles. I walk, bike, and take the Metro daily — not just out of necessity, but because I believe in a city where people can thrive without being dependent on cars. That's why I strongly support SB 79. This bill is a vital step toward making our neighborhoods healthier and more accessible. Transit-oriented housing allows us to grow without sprawl, reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities, and improve quality of life — all while preserving the unique character of our communities. It's also one of the most effective strategies we have to address the housing affordability crisis. Lower-income Angelenos are the most likely to live without cars, yet they often face the fewest housing options near reliable transit. Building more multifamily housing near transit hubs not only serves those who need it most, it also benefits the entire city — easing housing costs through supply, reducing pollution, and supporting local businesses and city revenues. The evidence from cities around the world is clear: more housing near transit means safer streets, cleaner air, and stronger, more vibrant communities. As someone who relies on and believes in alternative transportation, I urge you to prioritize infrastructure and policy that aligns with a more sustainable future. SB 79 is a practical, necessary move in that direction. Please oppose the motion against SB 79. Let's build a Los Angeles that works for everyone. Sincerely, Nicholas Tatonetti Fairfax District Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Isaac Resnikoff
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council, SB79 is necessary to make Los Angeles a safe, sustainable, and affordable city for all. We cannot let undue and unending process block the American dream. Transit-oriented housing preserves the character of the city while reducing people's dependence on cars, which cause actual physical and mental injuries to Angelenos and their children every single day. Besides the urgent public safety need, the best way to actually address affordability and sustainability is by building multifamily housing near public transit. Lower income Angelenos are the ones most likely to live without a car. And through supply and demand, new market-rate homes free up an otherwise occupied home. Older, more affordable homes then come to the market at even lower rents. This effect is well documented around the world, including in Berkeley CA where I grew up. Long an inaccessible city from a rental perspective, new market rate housing has actually begun to lower rents in existing buildings, as documented by the city's rental registry. New housing near transit means new jobs, new families, lower rents, fewer car deaths, and less pollution. More new housing also means lowering the per capita tax burden (already very high for Los Angeles renters) while increasing city revenues. Auto-first sprawl is environmentally and economically unsustainable. SB79 is the most practical approach from an infrastructure build-out perspective, too. To seriously address climate change and make the city safe and affordable for families, we need more density near transit. SB79 should be welcomed with open arms. Please oppose this motion.