

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Grayburn Avenue Block Club  
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**Council File No:** 25-0002-S19  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Strong support for Resolution to Oppose SB 79.



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April 15, 2025

**Re: Strongly Support Resolution to Oppose SB 79**

**The Resolution to oppose SB 79 is pretty simple, it states that the city opposes SB 79 unless amended to exempt municipalities with a state approved and compliant Housing Element. We are that municipality. Every one of our councilmembers voted to approve the Housing Element. We are asking you to stand up and support it against SB 79. We are fighting to keep density on the corridors, not into neighborhoods. The 1/2 mile radius that allows 5-6 story apartments in SB 79 is quite a large area and spares no neighborhood. Lower resource areas are very threatened by this bill as are historic districts and older multi-family and all single family neighborhoods. The City stated pretty clearly that we can add the density without impacting these areas in our Housing Element.**

-SB 79 is without affordability requirements

- SB79 threatens single-family neighborhoods, affordable multi-family, Historic Districts

-There are no environmental safeguards in SB79

**-In Leimert Park, we are that last historic African American majority area which includes the former homes of Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, Mayor Tom Bradley and a host of other national and international African American notables. This bill would destroy the area which needs to be preserved.**

-Los Angeles's Housing Element substantially increases multi-family housing capacity on transit and commercial corridors while meeting the State's housing mandates at all levels of affordability and still protects single-family, light industrial and Historic District zones through responsible urban planning.

SB 79 undermines this by:

**- Reducing homeownership opportunities for working- and middle-class families.**

**- Encouraging gentrification by disregarding Historic District protections.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynetta A.S. McElroy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynetta A.S. McElroy, J.D. President

Grayburn Avenue Block Club