

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is time for the LA City Council to stand up to the continuing efforts of Sen. Wiener and his allies and their continuing efforts to do away with single family zoned neighborhoods. His efforts to reduce the authority of local government over land use planning with "one-size-fits-all" land use legislation represents a failure to understand the importance of urban planning and allows developers to become our cities' planners. It shows that this and other legislation introduced under the guise of addressing homelessness and/or the housing shortage is designed to serve developer interests, not those who need affordable housing. As has often been stated, many areas of California do not have a housing shortage. What we have is an affordable housing challenge and the legislation introduced in SB 79 does not address that need nor does it or earlier legislation attempt to address many of the causes of housing cost increases that exceed cost of living increases. Incentivizing the upzoning of land anywhere near transit serves to increase the land values and the cost of housing produced on that land. Despite the demonstrated fact that such upzoning uproots the very users of public transit, Senator Wiener and his cohorts continue on. LA City should adopt the Council file that opposes SB 79 quickly and invest its lobbying resources to join with other like-minded cities to challenge this new attempt at overreach by the State and members of its legislative bodies who support it.