

Communication from Public

Name: Colin Warn

Date Submitted: 08/16/2025 07:08 AM

Council File No: 25-0002-S19

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the council to SUPPORT SB79. Homelessness is, at its core, a housing problem. To permanently address it, Los Angeles must build homes at a rate far beyond what we've produced over the last several decades. As Professors Colburn and Aldern from the University of Washington document in their research, the evidence is clear: without dramatically increasing housing supply, homelessness will remain unsolved. Vox's Ezra Klein's latest book, *Abundance*, highlights how Los Angeles' restrictive and discriminatory zoning has prevented us from meeting housing demand. This failure has made our city a national example of poor leadership. Additionally, urban economics research from Urban3 further shows that single-family zoning is not fiscally sustainable—costing the city more in infrastructure and services than it generates in revenue. By contrast, higher-density housing is more fiscally responsible and community-sustaining. SB79 offers one of the most significant opportunities in decades to fix this problem. By upzoning land within a half-mile of Bus Rapid Transit, heavy rail, light rail, and commuter rail stops, the bill aligns new housing with the transit system Angelenos have already voted to fund with billions of tax dollars. It means more housing where it is most sustainable—near jobs, services, and the transit infrastructure we've invested in. Passing SB79 is not just a housing policy; it is a moral, fiscal, and environmental imperative. Please, vote to SUPPORT SB79 and give Los Angeles the tools it needs to solve its housing crisis.

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Name: Dan

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Westwood, I fully support SB79 and urge our city to adopt a resolution in full support of it. While SB79 doesn't go far enough in upzoning and removing the barriers to housing around transit, it's a step in the right direction. LA is unaffordable and our spare contribution to climate change and inequality. It's time for us to step up and take drastic changes to make building around transit faster and easier. I urge the city council and the mayor to stand with working families rather than wealthy homeowners and NIMBYs who are trying to prevent affordable housing from being built.

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Name: Victoria Gropp

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Comments for Public Posting: Support SB79 The homeless issue has been made worse by lack of housing. Why do we care more about property values than people? Every week I step over human defecation and walk by humans living on the sidewalk. We have failed as a society because to continue to allow this. All humans deserve a place to live and dignity. When housing is too expensive, more people will become homeless. The lack of new dense housing is a failure of leadership. You can rectify the mistakes of the past by building more dense housing. Support SB79