

Communication from Public

Name: B Tanchauco

Date Submitted: 04/09/2025 11:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0002-S19

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April 9, 2025

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Sincerely,

Azeen Khanmalek
Executive Director

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Name: Danilo Beltran Angeles

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Name: Katherine Bachelor

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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. 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.

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