

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We respectfully urge you to oppose SB 79. This bill mandates harmful upzoning in stable single-family and affordable multi-family neighborhoods that already provide essential housing. Instead of disrupting these communities, increased density should be directed on transit corridors where underused commercial properties and sufficient infrastructure exists. SB 79 undermines local housing plans (Housing Element), drives up land costs, displaces vulnerable residents, and may trigger state sanctions for cities unable to meet affordability goals. It forces costly infrastructure upgrades on communities and erodes support for future transit investments by communities facing displacement and disruption. Rather than promote equitable growth, SB 79 disrupts thoughtful, community-driven planning. The financial stability of transit authorities should not be placed on the backs of residents because they live several blocks from a transit stop. Please stand with our neighborhoods and oppose SB 79. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Tad Akin