

Communication from Public

Name: Christopher Rhie

Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 07:19 AM

Council File No: 25-0002-S19

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I strongly urge you not to oppose SB 79. This bill addresses one of Los Angeles' greatest challenges: the lack of affordable and accessible housing near jobs and transit. Allowing mid-rise housing near major bus stops and rail stations is essential if we are serious about reducing displacement, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and building an equitable city where future generations can thrive. Exempting cities with state-approved Housing Elements, as this resolution proposes, would gut the bill's impact. Los Angeles has repeatedly failed to meet its housing obligations even while claiming compliance on paper. Local control has too often been used to block needed housing, driving up costs and pushing families into longer commutes or out of the city altogether. The climate crisis, housing affordability crisis, and traffic crisis are intertwined. SB 79 is a commonsense step to align land use with our climate goals and reduce the intergenerational inequities caused by exclusionary zoning. Please do not add Los Angeles' voice to those trying to weaken this important legislation. Instead, support SB 79 and show leadership for a more affordable, sustainable, and inclusive city. Thank you. Christopher Rhie Co-Chair, Urban Environmentalists Los Angeles

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Name: Russell Bates

Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 09:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: It amazes me to hear that the LA City Council might express opposition to SB 79. We have a massive shortage of housing here in Los Angeles, and one of the best opportunities to build more housing is near transit. Yet current zoning laws prevent the construction of multifamily housing where it's most needed. Studies prove again and again that the solution for high rents is to BUILD MORE HOUSING. It's part of the simple principle of supply and demand that most people seem to understand intuitively, except when it comes to housing. The leaders of cities all around California are finally realizing that building more housing near transit is essential, and they support SB 79. I support SB 79, and the LA City Council should too!

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Name: James Atkinson

Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 11:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is facing a housing emergency, a traffic emergency, and a climate emergency. I am a lifelong Angeleno and I've seen how terribly slow the city has been dealing with these issues. It's time to change gears and move quickly. SB-79 helps solve all three issues.

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Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 01:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA has a huge problem with housing affordability, and it makes sense to build more around our major transit stops. Recent amendments incorporate tenant protections and won't lead to displacement. Many progressive cities around Los Angeles support SB 79. LA is out of touch with our neighbors by opposing this critical bill!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 01:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: LA has a great opportunity to increase our housing stock while also making it easier to get around the city without a car. SB-79 would greatly assist in improving upon both of these issues by increasing density around public transit around the city. It makes no sense that we spend billions of dollars to make an effective transit system but then we make that system less usable by making it harder for more people to live close to those stations. For years I've been hopeful that LA leadership will finally find the willpower to make the city more dense around transit stops, but I've been disappointed that it has taken so many years to end exclusionary zoning practices. If the hesitation to support SB-79 comes from concerns about displacement, it's possible to have laws like this incorporate tenant protections that won't lead to displacements. As stated above, we have a great opportunity before us to make our city more transit-friendly and climate-resilient with bill SB-79. Many progressive cities around Los Angeles support the bill, so it would be retrograde of LA to oppose this bill. Please lend your support to SB-79.

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Name: Carrick Moore Gerety

Date Submitted: 08/19/2025 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our housing shortage is one of the worst problems facing our city, and the root cause of the affordability and homelessness crises. We need to build tons of new units of housing, but where should we build it? What is the organizing principle that this city should be planned around. Building dense housing close to our growing transit corridors, especially buses and light-rail makes the most sense economically (given how much we spend on transit) and environmentally: the larger the population living near transit, the less we drive to reach those hubs. It also makes for better quality of life. If you look at cities like New York, everything clusters around the subway lines, which is proved by property values. It's not rocket science, and it's been done in many other cities that we can look to. Why anyone would oppose this bill is hard to fathom.

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Name: Patricia Bijvoet

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Council To get our ducks in a row (housing for all, lowering carbon footprint, healthy citizens), we need to build more housing close to nodes of public transportation as soon as possible. My plea is to use the State Bill, SB 79, to let that happen, to add to the bare minimum that is aranged on paper in the housing element. The Metro system has been build out, and is becoming a more interwoven network. The metro system will show its benefits for these ducks, when the area around the stations will have a significantly higher density than they have right now. We loose the bigger picture if we keep focussing on local fear for failure, on spots where something might have been build better, or should not have been build. Los Angeles is extremely behind in density around nodes of public transport.

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Comments for Public Posting: LA has a huge problem with housing affordability, and it makes sense to build more around our major transit stops. We spend billions of dollars on transit – why would we exclude people from using it through land use? LA has consistently failed to end exclusionary zoning in its plans to build more housing – we can no longer afford to do this, especially around major transit stops. Recent amendments incorporate tenant protections and won't lead to displacement. Many progressive cities around Los Angeles support SB 79, LA is out of touch with our neighbors by opposing this critical bill.

Communication from Public

Name: Branko Burcksen

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Comments for Public Posting: I live right by the Expo/Sepulveda station, so SB-79 would heavily impact me, and I absolutely want the LA City Council to SUPPORT SB-79! Our city is in desperate need of more housing and this bill will help keep more Angelenos housed as well as allow more residents to take public transit over their cars on our already traffic clogged streets. Please, support SB-79!

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Masys

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is ground zero for the late 20th-century downzoning that has driven sprawl development and housing unaffordability. From 1960-1990, Los Angeles reduced the population capacity reflected in zoning from 10 million to under 4 million (See “The Homevoter Revolution” by Greg Morrow). Since then, zoning has increased only in small increments that track (and probably have constrained) population growth. The results are predictable: a crisis of affordability that drives middle-income people out to sprawl or other metro areas, displaces lower-income people, supercharges homelessness, and stifles the economy and small businesses who need employees. The only beneficiaries are incumbent homeowners--and even for them, those benefits can become "golden handcuffs" preventing them from making or accommodating life changes. SB 79 is a narrowly tailored but hopefully effective policy that will focus population growth where it can be best accommodated without adding car growth--on our transit system. Angelenos have supported the billions of dollars invested in that system because they can feel instinctively that we need other means of getting around. Making that investment successful involves creating great places at our transit hubs, and that includes a robust population near those hubs. SB 79 is a win-win-win policy for housing affordability, urban livability, and VMT reduction.

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Name: Nicholas Hooper

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a City of LA resident who lives in CD11 (and also near a transit stop). I urge the Council to support SB79! LA is urgently in need of new housing. SB79 will enable and speed construction of new housing exactly where our infrastructure is best able to support it (near high quality transit).

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Royce

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a member of 3 unions: the WGA, SAG and the DGA. All of our workers are suffering from a business contraction, and the biggest this exacerbating this is HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. It is simply the most basic concept that we need to build more around our major transit stops. We spend billions of dollars on transit – why would we exclude people from using it through land use??? Please for the love of God, vote yes on SB-79. In a time like this, I can't believe this is somehow controversial.

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Name: Oliver L

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Comments for Public Posting: Housing in LA is too expensive! Everybody knows this. Building more housing near transit stops will create areas which people actually want to live in. This bill will help drive down housing prices. Further, this bill will help reduce car dependency in LA, lowering the cost of living for constituents living near transit stops. Further yet, this bill will increase transit ridership, putting more money into the city budget. This bill must pass! It will be a win-win for the people of LA.