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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0002-S19

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
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RE: CF 25-0002-S19 - SB 79 (Winer)/State Zoning Standards/Train Stations/Major Bus Stops/7-Story Multifamily Housing/Municipality Exemption/Housing Element

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) submits this Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF-0002-S19, establishing the City of Los Angeles' opposition to California Senate Bill 79 (SB79).

While the city and state need housing production, this is not a good solution. The City of Los Angeles was required to accommodate its share of new housing, by completing a new Housing Element which includes a specific upzoning plan to provide for adequate capacity. The project was completed via a multiple-year process of local stakeholder engagement, resulting in a comprehensive product by the Planning Department, that was approved by both the Planning Commission and the City Council. Upon its submission, the State HCD approved the Housing Element and Rezoning Plan as in conformance with the Los Angeles' need and its housing obligations.

SB79 will act to undermine, trivialize and override the community's effort to create a well-conceived Housing Element and the local stakeholder engagement that formulated it. Land use policy is most effectively conducted at the local level. Our specific reasons for opposition are as follows:

1. Inadequate engagement with local stakeholders. Any future upzoning should be conducted with extensive local engagement, through available processes like Community Plan updates or locally established programs.
2. Unnecessary upzoning well beyond that which is in Housing Element, which will have negative impacts.
3. Allowance of 10+ apartments, of 4+ stories, compromises the scale and character of existing single-family home neighborhoods.
4. No parking requirement for so many additional units will exacerbate the parking problems in some areas, including South LA.

5. No categorical exemption for Fire Zones and Historical Zones, both of which are protected in the Housing Element.
6. No Affordable Housing required in return for upzoning, undermining a key provision of the Housing Element and of concern in South LA.
7. Inequitable share of upzoning will be endured by South LA vs. wealthier areas, as it has a higher concentration of transit than other areas.
8. South Los Angeles already has a lower concentration of available single-family dwellings, in part due to redlining, and SB79 redevelopment will further reduce these family home ownership opportunities.
9. Concern for displacement and gentrification via speculative activity in the vulnerable and culturally sensitive South LA area.
10. Concern for additional stress on our community's infrastructure, including, but not limited to the sewage system, the water supply, the electrical grid, and the gas supply.

For the above reasons, we oppose SB79, support the opposition motion, and ask that serious attention be given to opposing the bill and protecting our interests. As time is of the essence, we request that this motion be promptly moved through City Council and, if passed, that the city aggressively opposes this bill.

In Solidarity,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)