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Comments for Public Posting: Our Future LA is a diverse coalition, made up of 99 organizations and individuals, with representation from housing advocates, service providers, mobility advocates, affordable housing developers, organized labor, architects, activists and more. We submit the following letter in support of using the opportunity created by SB 79 to allow multifamily housing in high-opportunity areas currently zoned for single-family homes. This will create equitable land use, advance justice, allow for badly needed housing, lower the risk of displacement and support our local transit agencies. Please see the letter for our full comments.



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Dear Chair Blumenfeld and members of the Planning and Land Use Committee,

On behalf of the Our Future Los Angeles coalition, we write to you with comments on the implementation of Senate Bill 79 (Wiener), signed into law by Gov. Newsom last year.

This item (CF 25-1083) will return shortly to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and represents a critical opportunity to embrace a new chapter of urban planning in the city's history, by advancing justice, affirmatively furthering fair housing and encouraging development with less risk of displacing low-income residents. **The City should not allow the status quo to persist in high-opportunity, single-family zones near transit.** The City must allow mixed-income multifamily housing in these neighborhoods. **We also oppose a blanket exemption of historic preservation overlay zones.** A blanket exemption of these zones, which were, in many cases, developed prior to zoning and already include a diverse set of housing typologies, prevents further integration in neighborhoods where housing is desperately needed. This will create new housing opportunities at multiple levels of affordability close to good-paying jobs, high-performing schools, and cleaner air quality—in addition to public transportation.

These issues are of utmost importance in a city home to 43,000 unhoused residents, where most renters are spending too much of their income on rent, and displacement is a very real threat that upends lives and destroys communities. **We urge the City Council to implement SB 79 in a manner that seizes the moment and prioritizes affordability, while advancing equitable, sustainable growth that benefits both current and future residents throughout Los Angeles.**

Thank you,
Our Future LA Steering Committee