

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in strong opposition to the motion introduced by Councilmember Traci Park, and seconded by Councilmembers Monica Rodriguez and John S. Lee, regarding SB 79. This motion is nothing more than a bureaucratic stall tactic and an unnecessary waste of city resources, designed to delay or discredit a state law that is urgently needed to address our housing crisis. I would like to echo and incorporate the remarks of a previous commenter, who rightly pointed out that while this motion was clearly intended to intimidate the Governor into not signing SB 79, it will instead have the opposite effect. The findings of any report generated from this motion will only further confirm that the fears being raised are unfounded, and will help clear up the misinformation spread by certain councilmembers. As that commenter emphasized, the city already charges substantial developer fees that directly fund infrastructure upgrades, staffing, and services required for new housing. These fees ensure that growth pays for itself and that residents are not burdened with costs. Claims that SB 79 would strain infrastructure are misleading—our infrastructure challenges exist because of decades of underinvestment, not because of new development. Furthermore, the notion that SB 79 sites are in high-risk areas is patently false. The bill avoids zones with wildfire and flood dangers, and none of the eligible parcels are in the Pacific Palisades, despite misinformation to the contrary. In fact, redevelopment under SB 79 in limited coastal areas could even improve safety through vertical evacuation opportunities in the event of a tsunami. Most importantly, this motion does not reflect the will of the residents of CD 11 or the broader Los Angeles community. Councilmember Park is presenting her personal opposition to housing as if it were the voice of her constituents, when in reality, Angelenos overwhelmingly recognize the need for more housing near transit. We cannot continue to waste time preserving low-density, single-family zoning along transit corridors while the city suffers from skyrocketing rents, displacement, and homelessness. SB 79 is about creating a stronger, more resilient Los Angeles—one with expanded opportunity, increased revenues to support local businesses and infrastructure, and a housing supply that meets the needs of our growing population. Blocking or delaying this progress is

irresponsible. I urge the Planning Department to recognize this motion for what it is: a stall tactic and an attempt at creating nonsense to get in the way of housing. I also urge you to note for the record the names of those attempting to undermine desperately needed housing reform—Traci Park, Monica Rodriguez, and John S. Lee. Their attempt to throw up red flags against more housing is out of step with the needs of Los Angeles residents and should be firmly rejected.