

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We are not aware of any discussion today (or items scheduled) related to additional actions that the City might take in response to SB 79. It is imperative that the City do all within its power to fight back against the measure's impact. It is an unfunded mandate that will result in significant infrastructure costs to be borne by the City at a time when the City can least afford unanticipated and IMPOSSIBLE to plan for future expenses. When can the City Council take action to direct the City Attorney to pursue a legal challenge to the bill? The measure fails to take into account the resources or time needed to fully explore and/or implement the bill's options. It has grave fiscal impacts. A legislative clean-up bill to amend the measure is needed. The options presented by the Planning Dept. do not treat different areas of the city fairly and could result in the destruction of living, breathing communities. Those of us who live in some proximity to transit in so-called high resource areas have already agreed to higher densities. Under the Housing Element, our local commercial corridors have gone from 45-foot height districts to allowing for ten story buildings. We have areas of multi-family zoned properties as well as single family zoned areas making us a balanced community that provides housing for people at all ages and stages of their lives. While the need for affordable housing is very real, those supporting SB 79 lack the understanding as to the impact that this measure will have on the City's financial status and on the quality of life of all Angelenos -- tenants, business operators and homeowners alike. The ability to support density must be planned to provide for adequate services and utilities. Yet, under SB 79 there can be no such planning for it is developers and speculators, real estate investors, LLCs and foreign interests who will decide where new density will be placed -- based on their desires which are likely best defined as their interest to maximize profits. Even with transit maps in hand, the City will be unable to plan for the necessary services and infrastructure needed to support the locations where density will be built. The cost to deliver services and utilities in response to new randomly placed development across the City will be enormous. As the City works to catch up with these projects and new densities, the quality of life in Los Angeles will be strained and degraded. The notion that only ten percent of historical resources in a given area can be saved is beyond

insensitive and shows the disregard that the author of the measure has for our City and the history of our State. Please engage your colleagues to educate local electeds about our Housing Element and of the need to sponsor a clean-up bill to give cities more time to develop alternative plans and to seek the removal of cities with approved Housing Elements from SB 79's reach. When might LA consider joining with other cities contemplating mounting a legal challenge to SB 79? The SB 79-related items discussed at the PLUM meeting did not address the need for the City to legally challenge SB 79 and its disregard of the process undertaken by the City to develop our Housing Element. That document and its plan was approved by the State and yet has been completely disregarded by this legislative action. Councilmembers and the Mayor should be reaching out to our LA area electeds to introduce new legislation that delays implementation as the timelines that are defined make no sense. Cities were not given adequate time to implement the choices provided. And of even greater importance, there should be legislative efforts to exempt the City from falling under SB 79. The City should take this time to educate the Southern California legislators as to what actually is contained in the City's Housing Element and what was adopted to meet the State's assigned housing goals. It is unlikely that the electeds who supported SB 79 know what LA's Housing Element and other affected cities' Housing Elements contained. Housing development was focused near transit in the City's Housing Element. This was not a new concept. SB 79's author's actions to exclude smaller, mostly northern California cities from the impact of SB 79 targeted cities without a rational or consistent basis. Without SCAG mapping, the impact of the measure still is not known and additional analysis will be needed once those maps have been released. I urge the City to advocate for exemption of cities with adopted Housing Elements via statewide legislative action. In the meantime, I urge the Council and City electeds to do all that they can to educate our State representatives and to seek legislative remedies to this damaging measure.