



West Hills Neighborhood Council

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Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 79 and Support for Local Control

Dear Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel :

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The West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) Zoning & Planning Committee has been involved for more than 25 years in planning, zoning, housing and all forms of development within our community.

We are writing to express our **strong opposition** to Senate Bill 79 and to voice our support for local control over land use and housing decisions. We believe that SB 79 overrides local authority and undermines the democratic process that empowers communities to shape their own futures.

SB 79 neglects the unique needs of cities with a one size fits all mentality, disregards infrastructure capabilities, does not require necessary parking and does not allow for public engagement. The City of Los Angeles is working diligently with communities to meet and exceed housing goals with thoughtful and strategic planning. If approved, SB 79 will strip away these efforts and replace them with rigid directives that will have consequential effects on our communities such as displacement, traffic congestion, environmental stress, lack of open space and on our quality of life.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue and we respectfully ask that you **vote NO** on SB 79 and stand with your local communities.

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