POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE:

Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM)

TITLE:

Oppose State Housing Density Mandates Without Funding Mechanisms - Opposition to SB 79 (Wiener)

PURPOSE:

Motion to oppose SB 79 and any state legislation that mandates housing density without providing clear funding mechanisms for infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services. **BACKGROUND:**

SB 79 (Wiener) establishes new state zoning standards within a half-mile radius of every train station and bus rapid transit stop, overriding local zoning to permit by right multifamily homes ranging from 4 to 7 stories depending on proximity and transit tier. LA City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto opposes SB 79, stating in her May 23, 2025 letter to Senator Caballero that the bill "impermissibly impose[s] billions of dollars of costs on Los Angeles and other local jurisdictions, undermine[s] local governance, circumvent[s] local decision-making processes, and impose[s] unintended burdens on communities." Her letter details billions in unfunded costs for infrastructure expansion, first responder services, and other municipal obligations. A resolution opposing SB 79 unless amended has been introduced to the LA City Council, presented by Councilmember John Lee and seconded by Councilmember Traci Park (CD11).

THE MOTION:

The Mar Vista Community Council:

- 1. requests that our elected state officials take steps to initiate a pause on all enacted legislation that provides for statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, unless and until clear funding mechanisms are identified and enacted to accompany the legislation, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services; and
- 2. opposes any pending and future legislation that proposes statewide housing density and/or streamlining mandates, including SB 79, unless clear funding mechanisms are identified to accompany any such bills, in order to support the resulting impact on infrastructure, public safety, and municipal services.

DIRECTED TO:

- Mayor Karen Bass, mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org
- Councilmember Traci Park (CD11), <u>councilmember.park@lacity.org</u>
- Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky (CD5)
- Heidi Feldstein Soto Los Angeles City attorney
- Isaac Bryan
- Lindsey Horvath
- Governor Gavin Newsom

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

Motion approved by MVCC PLUM Committee meeting, August 14th, 2025

Motion moved by Marton, seconded by Peterson

Vote count: Yes 12 No 0 Abstain 2

MVCC Board Meeting, August 21, 2025

Motion of opposition moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of opposition approved by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX