



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

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Los Angeles City Council and its Committees
City Planning Commission

For — [CF 25-0002-S19](#). SB 79 (Winer) (sic) / State Zoning Standards / Train Stations / Major Bus Stops / 7-Story Multifamily Housing / Municipality Exemption / Housing Element.

To City Council and City Planning Commission,

SONC in a unanimous 13-0 vote moved to support this motion to oppose proposed SB 79.

Adopted Motion:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 25-0002-S19, thus opposing SB 79, unless amended to exclude single-family, light industrial, and historic districts.

This bill allows 65-foot-high apartment buildings within a half mile of rail stops or bus stops with 15-minute headways—without affordability requirements—threatening single-family neighborhoods, historic districts, and light-industrial zones while lacking critical environmental safeguards.

Los Angeles's Housing Element already meets the State's housing mandates through responsible urban planning. SB 79 undermines this by:

- Allowing unchecked development that strains infrastructure and budgets.
- Requiring no affordable housing while enabling market-rate construction anywhere within the half mile radius of transit stops as defined above.
- Disrupting cities' efforts to meet affordability goals and serve transit-dependent residents.
- Reducing homeownership opportunities for working- and middle-class families.
- Encouraging gentrification by disregarding Historic District protections.
- Eliminating light-industrial zones vital for future jobs and work-life balance.

Los Angeles must balance housing growth with community stability. We urge you to oppose SB 79 unless amended to exempt single-family, historic, and light-industrial zones.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—

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