



September 17, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 79 (Wiener) – Housing development: transit-oriented development
Los Angeles Mayor Bass – REQUEST FOR VETO**

Dear Governor Newsom,

I write to **respectfully request your veto on Senate Bill 79 (Wiener)**. While I support the intent to accelerate housing development statewide, as written, Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) risks significant unintended consequences for many of Los Angeles' diverse communities. As Mayor, creating more affordable housing remains a top priority, and I have cut red tape and spearheaded local initiatives, such as the Citywide Housing Incentive Program, to accelerate housing development.

We **must** create more housing near transit hubs and areas with access to jobs, education, and amenities. We **must** streamline the production of housing for all Angelenos. However, we must do so in a way that does not erode local control, diminish community input on planning and zoning, and disproportionately impact low-resource neighborhoods. The City of Los Angeles has already made substantial efforts to align with state housing goals and increase housing development citywide and will continue to do so.

While SB 79 allows for local ordinances as an alternative compliance, it does not provide a viable path for a pro-housing city like Los Angeles. For these reasons, **I respectfully request your veto on SB 79.**

Sincerely,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

