

From: Chris Spitz <ppfriends3@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 2:05 PM

To: Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>; councilmember.raman@lacity.org <councilmember.raman@lacity.org>; Councilmember Yaroslavsky <katy.yaroslavsky@lacity.org>; councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org <councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org>; Councilmember John S. Lee <councilmember.lee@lacity.org>

Cc: Karen Bass <karen.bass@lacity.org>; Traci Park <traci.park@lacity.org>; heather.hutt@lacity.org <heather.hutt@lacity.org>

Subject: CF 25-0002-S19: Request to promptly agendize resolution to add opposition to SB 79 to the City Council legislative agenda

To the City Council Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (REIRC) -- Chair/President Harris-Dawson, Vice-Chair Raman, and Members Yaroslavsky, Soto-Martinez and Lee:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) **strongly opposes SB 79** and has previously urged the REIRC to take up the resolution by CMs Lee and Park (CF 25-0002-S19) at the earliest opportunity; see our position letter [HERE](#).

As stated in the letter, WRAC opposes SB 79 for, among other things, the risks the bill poses to public safety and its further erosion of local control, particularly when the City has *already adopted a state-approved and compliant Housing Element* (points made in the resolution in CF 25-0002-S19).

Unfortunately, we see that this Council File (originally proposed in March 2025) has not yet been agendized and is still **not on the REIRC's meeting agenda for tomorrow, 8/8/25** (presumably the only regular REIRC meeting in August).

The public record shows that in addition to WRAC, many neighborhood and community councils as well as associations and individuals citywide *support this Council File*; it is unfortunate that after 5 months, there has been no action on this important proposed resolution.

Because SB 79 is expected to be heard soon in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and may be voted on by the full Assembly (shortly after the Assemblymembers return from summer recess and reconvene on August 18), we urgently request that you either **waive hearing by the REIRC and agendize this motion at an upcoming City Council meeting, or schedule a special meeting of the REIRC as soon as possible before August 18, to consider this important motion and to allow the City Council to act before the Assembly Appropriations Committee hears the bill.**

We also bring to your attention the fact that **Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto individually strongly opposes SB 79**; her opposition can be seen [HERE](#). To summarize her position, as stated on p. 1 of the letter: *"While the intent of SB 79 is to further address issues around the supply of housing, the bill's provisions impermissibly impose **billions of dollars of costs on Los Angeles** and other local jurisdictions, undermine local governance, circumvent local decision-making processes, and impose unintended burdens on communities."* (Emphasis added.)

We further note that at this writing, another motion has been recommended by the WRAC board to our member councils, which (1) addresses the lack of funding mechanisms in housing density bills that mandate streamlining of such dense projects while *failing to provide accompanying necessary funding for cities that must bear the burden of resulting substantial costs*, and (2) states WRAC's opposition to all such bills (similar to the position taken by C.A. Feldstein Soto with respect to SB 79). See this motion [HERE](#).

To date, six of our member councils have passed this additional motion or modified versions in keeping with its spirit; more are expected to take this up in the coming days. When the motion is passed by at least 8 member councils, it too will become an adopted WRAC position.

In the meantime, the impacts of SB 79 on the City and your constituents in terms of **public safety risks and financial burden cannot be overstated**. Under the circumstances, **time is of the essence**. We again urgently request that the REIRC either waive consideration or take up the above-referenced Council file at the earliest possible time in the coming days, prior to the Assembly's return from recess on August 18, 2025.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated cooperation with this important request.

Sincerely

Robin Greenberg, Chair

Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

www.westsidecouncils.com