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September 14, 2025

Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
via Vishesh Anand, Deputy Regional Director

via email

Re: WRAC Request for Governor's VETO of SB 79 (Wiener)

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) -- a cooperative coalition of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles, collectively representing over 500,000 Angelenos -- respectfully reiterates our urgent request for your **VETO of SB 79**.

As we have previously emphasized, WRAC strongly opposes SB 79 and all housing streamlining bills which mandate increased density without providing for a funding mechanism for required infrastructure and public safety improvements. We also support the position of the City of Los Angeles: Oppose unless amended to exempt cities with approved and compliant Housing Elements. In brief, SB 79:

- **Diminishes local control over housing.**
- **Has only de minimis affordability requirements.**
- **Has no regard for infrastructure requirements.** Cities would be left responsible for the water, power, sewage, fire, police, and other necessary upgrades to service thousands of new units.
- **Has no regard for public safety/evacuations or emergency ingress and egress in mass disasters.** Cities also would be left on their own to attempt to upgrade often already inadequate or non-existent evacuation routes.
- **Has no regard for the hard work and expense that cities such as Los Angeles have undertaken and/or incurred to develop approved and compliant Housing Elements, which unlike SB 79 respect local considerations and public safety concerns.**

We note that all State Assemblymembers (Irwin, Zbur, Bryan, McKinnor) and Senators (Allen, Smallwood-Cuevas) representing WRAC neighborhoods either *oppose SB 79, or did not vote to pass the bill*. It is opposed as well by Mayor Karen Bass, City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto and City Councilwomen Traci Park, Katy Yaroslavsky and Heather Hutt (representing WRAC member councils). The bill is also opposed by scores of elected officials and leaders statewide. It is a clearly controversial bill that was passed only by a narrow margin in the legislature.

We again respectfully request that you **Veto SB 79**. Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair
Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

cc (via email): Hon. Mayor Karen Bass; Hon. City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto; Hon. City Councilwomen Traci Park, Katy Yaroslavsky, Heather Hutt