Dear Senator Wiener,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to your SB 765 (Wiener). This bill will continue to strip local governments of important, longstanding authorities to maintain oversight and approval processes of infill development, expanding on SB 35 (Wiener, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017).

While the changes in existing law contained within this bill may seem innocuous, they demonstrate the continued erosion of local control over land use and development oversight traditionally reserved to local governments. This bill would limit the ability of cities to set automobile parking standards for developments within their jurisdictions. Additionally, this bill would exempt a development subject to the streamlined ministerial approval process created by SB 35 (Wiener, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which will have a detrimental impact on the living environment resulting from the automatic issuance of these exemptions.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills respectfully OPPOSES your SB 765 (Wiener). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
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