



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 25, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 35 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.

City of Beverly Hills – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful **OPPOSITION** to **SB 35 (Wiener)** and request that you **VETO** this bill when it comes before your desk. This bill will strip local governments of important, longstanding authorities to maintain oversight and approval processes of infill developments.

Specifically, **SB 35 (Wiener)** will require infill housing developments with certain features to be subject to a ministerial approval process, and not be subject to a conditional use permit. This bill ignores the reality that state and federal affordable housing funding have slowed to a trickle, which allows multifamily developments that meet inadequate criteria to bypass public input and environmental review.

SB 35 (Wiener) pre-empts local discretionary land use authority and prevents municipalities like ours from best serving our communities. The City of Beverly Hills has long supported the preservation of local control, as localities are best suited to aptly address the needs of local constituents. Eliminating opportunities for the public to review major multifamily developments goes against the principles of local democracy and public

engagement. Public hearings allow members of our community to inform the City Council of their support or concerns. While it may be frustrating for some developers to address neighborhood concerns about traffic, parking and other development impacts, those directly affected by such projects have a right to be heard. The “streamlined” approach in **SB 35 (Wiener)** would limit this valuable public input.

For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills strongly **OPPOSES SB 35 (Wiener)** and respectfully urges you to **VETO** this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Bosse", written in a cursive style.

Lili Bosse

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District
Andrew K. Antwih, Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc.