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Tomorrow's Item 11 on Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Cmte Agenda - Resolution re: Opposition to SB 827 - multiple NC CIS's filed in support

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RE: Tomorrow's Item 11 on Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Agenda - **Resolution re: Opposition to SB 827** - multiple NC CIS's filed in support

Hello Councilmembers,

I am writing on behalf of Echo Park Neighborhood Council to flag our Community Impact Statement, voted on and filed through the City Clerk CIS system on March 1, 2018, which is in support of the Resolution sponsored by Councilmember Ryu in opposition to SB 827 ([18-0002-S13](#)). I am attaching a copy here.

I noted that the agenda for this item lists only the Northridge East NC as having filed a CIS on the item, but in fact, my neighborhood council - EPNC - filed one, as did Rampart Village NC, Empowerment Congress North Area NC, and Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC. All five of these NC's took the time to draft, vote on and file CIS's in support of the resolution and in opposition to SB 827. NO NC's have filed a CIS in support of SB 827.

Please update your records to reflect the formal support of the Neighborhood Councils for this resolution and take them into consideration in your deliberations.

I regret being unable to personally attend this special meeting to speak on behalf of the EPNC on this matter, but I have previously committed to make fruit parfaits for a celebration at my daughter's school Elysian Heights Elementary tomorrow morning, and I need to honor that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darcy Harris

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EPNC CIS on CF 18-0002-S13 - opposition to SB 827.pdf
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Community Impact Statement (CIS)

CF No. 18-0002-S13

Support of the Resolution in Opposition to Proposed
State Bill SB 827

March 1, 2018



**CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL
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To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the aforesaid CIS be attached to Council File No. 18-0002-S13.

On February 27, 2018, with a quorum of 20, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 13 yeas, 4 nays, and 3 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS in support of the Resolution opposing proposed state legislation SB 827.

EPNC recommends that the City include in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) which would establish a bonus for building housing near "high-quality" transit by exempting these developments from local zoning standards such as density, floor area ratio, minimum automobile parking spaces, and building height restrictions, or any design standards that might restrict the ability to build the maximum number of units within the building code. Parcels affected would be those with ½ mile of a major transit stop or ¼ mile from a "high quality" transit corridor (any street where buses run every 15 minutes during peak hours) – virtually all of Los Angeles.

If this bill becomes law, the City of Los Angeles would no longer be able to regulate local land use by zoning and development regulations throughout much of the City. It would eviscerate local input into land use decisions, and moot the City's current efforts to update community plans and the general plan. All 35 HPOZ's in the City would be negated. The bill also fails to link affordable housing requirements and infrastructure to increased density, thwarting recently passed legislation such as Measure JJJ and disrupting the balance struck by the current state density bonus law which requires certain low income units in exchange for increased density. Finally, it offers no protections against displacement of existing residents.

There are better ways to encourage density in appropriate areas including near transit hubs without resorting to such a blunt instrument that is anathema to grass roots democracy and self-determination. Accordingly, EPNC supports the Resolution introduced by Councilmember Ryu and Wesson, and calls on City Council and the Mayor to adopt it and to oppose SB 827.

Respectfully,



Tad Yenawine,
Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council