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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(4) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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## ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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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



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, 4nays, 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.

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Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council