

RESOLUTION

Senate Bill 827 (Weiner) Opposition

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is currently considering SB 827 (Weiner), which would exempt a housing project with parcels all within a 1/2 mile radius of a major transit stop or a 1/4 mile radius of a high-quality transit corridor from various requirements and empowers the State to override local zoning laws to let developers build taller and more densely around rail stations and bus lines; and

WHEREAS, these radii would encompass vast amounts of Los Angeles, effectively eliminating the ability for the City to engage in planning self-determination; and

WHEREAS, SB 827 would let developers construct buildings between four and eight stories tall with no parking minimums and limited design review, even if local zoning codes preclude it, including in single family neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City must make every effort to expand affordable and middle-income housing, but not at the expense of local control over land use and community-driven planning; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken substantial steps towards planning for future housing, including initiating updates to all thirty-five of its Community Plans, approving an affordable housing linkage fee, and exceeding its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) target for market rate housing; and

WHEREAS, SB 827 is inconsistent with Los Angeles' efforts to update its Community Plans, update its General Plan, extend tenant protections and craft equitable community planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB 827 (Weiner), which would allow the construction of housing developments near major transit stops without compliance with local land use regulations.

PRESENTED BY: 

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