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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File 18-1226 B 50 (Weiner) / Potential Impacts to the City

I write today in support Councilmember Koretz's motion instructing the Planning Department to report back on the potential impacts to Los Angeles from Senate Bill 50, currently pending before the State Senate. I believe SB50 raises even more questions than SB827 and a detailed study by the Planning Department will help this Council and our local State Senators and Assemblymembers fully understand the impacts of this bill.

In general, I have concerns about the trend of statewide bills that limit local zoning controls. We need to know if there is evidence that this method works to create the right mix of needed housing. In my district, despite growing numbers of projects using SB1818 and our local Transit Oriented Communities incentives, rapid overall displacement continues. I would like to know if other approaches, such as reforming Costa Hawkins, increasing affordable housing funding, and creating rent subsidies can do more to help us retain and grow our stock of affordable and workforce housing.

I look forward to obtaining the Planning Department's study as soon as possible to help inform our choices around housing affordability and this bill in particular.

Sincerely,

David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four

CC: Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members
Director of City Planning, Vince Bertoni