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RE: CIS in SUPPORT of CF 19-0002-S38

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council recommends that the City include in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to Senate Bill 50 (Wiener), Planning and zoning: housing development: incentives.

We share the goals of the author and support swift, decisive action to address our lack of affordable housing and rising homelessness. Housing production near transit is vital, but must be paired with equitable community planning to ensure homes are available at a variety of income levels. To that end, Los Angeles voters approved Measure JJJ, a Development Incentive Program that ties increased density and reduced parking requirements in transit oriented communities to inclusion of low income housing and replacement requirements.

While Senator Wiener has been open to the concerns of equity groups around Measure JJJ and subsequently adopted some of their proposals, many provisions in the bill are still underdeveloped and undefined and do not provide adequate protections to “sensitive communities”. We are pleased that the Transit Oriented Communities program is exempt, but as ACT-LA’s most recent update on the negotiations shows these amendments do not go far enough.

“The current proposal is to exempt parcels subject to Los Angeles’ Transit Oriented Communities Program. But strong incentive programs are not limited to Los Angeles, and hard-won community plans in LA and around the state both facilitate new development of affordable housing and protect existing affordable housing, cultural assets and small businesses - so SB 50 will need more specific language to protect successful equity-focused local plans and programs”

The residents and stakeholders of Central Hollywood deserve democratic involvement in planning but SB 50 will also undermine the current revisions being proposed in the Hollywood Community Plan update. We will work towards a Hollywood that is safe and accessible with development that meets the needs of those who rely on busses and rail service to live, work, and do business in our community.
It is for these reasons that the Central Hollywood Neighborhood council stands in opposition to SB 50 as it is currently composed, and supports the LA City Council’s resolution against it.