

Fwd: Vote NO on SB50 (Los Angeles Council File: 19-0002-S38)

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To: Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

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From: **Verdel Flores** <verdel@pacbell.net>

Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 10:22 PM

Subject: Vote NO on SB50 (Los Angeles Council File: 19-0002-S38)

To: councilmember.wesson@lacity.org <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, markridley-thomas@box.lacounty.gov <markridley-thomas@box.lacounty.gov>, holly.mitchell@sen.ca.gov <holly.mitchell@sen.ca.gov>, mayor.garcetti@lacity.org <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>

Cc: cityclerk@lacity.org <cityclerk@lacity.org>, andrew.westall@lacity.org <andrew.westall@lacity.org>, david.price@lacity.org <david.price@lacity.org>

Dear Elected Representatives,

I am writing to strongly express my opposition to SB50, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.

State Senate Bill 50 weaponizes state government code to eviscerate local planning statewide and thereby increases financialization of land use; intensifies inequality; encourages predatory speculators.

The City of Los Angeles has been actively addressing the housing shortage and has its own increased density mechanisms through Measure JJJ and its Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) program to replicate the City's TOC program statewide, but without respecting the integrity of single-family zoning and other local characteristics. SB50 contains inadequately defined language, its relationship to

This bill is aimed directly at working-class neighborhoods, areas that have been home to vulnerable populations in Los Angeles for generations including Boyle Heights and Lincoln Heights, and the Wild West zones of Density Bonus on steroids. It is important to note that the maximum height allowed is not 45 feet or 55 feet in single family areas but rather 75 to 85 feet once the entire city from around the globe are handed the right to buy and demolish entire swaths of Los Angeles homes and up-zone them. For example, the entire Crenshaw Corridor Community along the LAX/Inglewood Freeway change the fact that it's only a temporary reprieve.

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Finally, SB50 will create a system in which zoning height requirements are determined by Metro instead of City Planning. This could easily result in zoning that fluctuates substantially over time and is in additional opposition to the expansion of Metro services by neighborhoods that oppose density.

According to UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs economist Michael Storper, "The proof for the claim that housing is expensive primarily because of supply restrictions -- rather than changes in demand -- is that Los Angeles has, according to information provided by the Department of Building and Safety and from the city's Housing Department, 70,000 to 120,000 units of UNBUILT fully permitted housing according to the Los Angeles City Planning Department's own data, allows for a city of 7 million people RIGHT NOW. Our current zoning is extremely liberal and there is zero justification for why it is not built.

Los Angeles is already meeting its state-required housing goals while taking different approaches tailored to the unique characteristics of the City's neighborhoods. Please give these policies a chance to succeed.

Sincerely,

Verdel Flores

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Los Angeles, CA 90008

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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 7:03 AM

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From: **Blake Smith** <blakesmithishere@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 5:42 PM
Subject: refer to Council File: 19-0002-S38
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>
Cc: Blake Smith <blakesmithishere@gmail.com>

Hello:

I've been a resident of the Crenshaw and Leimert Park area for almost three years. During my short time in this pocket of Los Angeles, I've come to love this quaint, beautiful neighborhood as many of the houses and neighborhoods have maintained that classic 'LA charm' over the decades. Now, Scott Wiener's SB 50 - which is far worse than his outrageous and unsuccessful SB 827 in 2018 - is making the rounds in Sacramento. This bill attempts to completely disrupt life for this area's residents, whether they're homeowners or renters. I urge you to stand against this bill and listen to your true constituents.

I realize that LA is undergoing enormous change, and is in need of housing for all income levels, but SB 50 would ultimately serve no one but the bottom line of the developers who have drafted this legislation. There is a far better path than the one outlined by SB 50.

I will also be contacting my state senator and look forward to attending the local public hearings in early April.

Regards,
Blake Smith
Resident, 47th St. 90062

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Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 7:06 AM

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From: **Gail Molen** <gail.molen@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Mar 23, 2019 at 1:05 PM

Subject: PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB 50

To: <holly.mitchell@sen.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.kamlager-dove@assembly.ca.gov>, Herb Wesson <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <markridley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov>, <senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov>, <senator.wieckowski@senate.ca.gov>, <senator.galgiani@senate.ca.gov>, <senator.beall@senate.ca.gov>, <senator.roth@senate.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.jones-sawyer@assembly.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.gipson@assembly.ca.gov>

Cc: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>, <andrew.westall@lacity.org>, <david.price@lacity.org>, 2Preserve LA <2PreserveLA@gmail.com>

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Respectfully,

3/26/2019

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Gail Molen
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Fwd: SB 50

Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
To: Clerk Council and Public Services <Clerk.CPS@lacity.org>

Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 7:08 AM

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From: **Steph Thomas** <stephbthomas@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 24, 2019 at 11:28 AM

Subject: SB 50

To: <holly.mitchell@sen.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.kamlager-dove@assembly.ca.gov>, <senator.mcguire@sentae.ca.gov>, <senatorwieckowski@senate.ca.gov>, <senator.galgiani@senate.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.jones-sawyer@assembly.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.gipson@assembly.ca.gov>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <markridley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov>, <senatorbeall@senate.ca.gov>
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Respectfully,

Stephen Thomas & Glen K. Lawrence
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From: **Earl Taylor** <etjet@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 24, 2019 at 11:26 AM

Subject: NO on SB 50!!!

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J. Taylor
[3880 S. Norton Ave](#)
LA, CA. 90008

Sent from my iPhone
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From: **Caelli Lynch** <caeli@caelimay.com>
Date: Sat, Mar 23, 2019 at 1:28 AM
Subject: Vote NO on SB50 (Los Angeles Council Files: 19-0002-S38 & 18-1226)
To: <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>, <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Please add to both Los Angeles Council Files: 19-0002-S38 & 18-1226

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From: **Caelli Lynch** <caeli@caelimay.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 1:57 AM
Subject: Vote NO on SB50 (Los Angeles Council File: 19-0002-S38)
To: <holly.mitchell@sen.ca.gov>, <assemblymember.kamlager-dove@assembly.ca.gov>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <mayor.garcetti@lacity.org>, <markridley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: <cityclerk@lacity.org>, <andrew.westall@lacity.org>, <david.price@lacity.org>

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Density bonuses that incentivize one-bedroom units is not housing for families. SB50 attacks family housing and replaces it with housing that is not made for children. It is an anti-family, anti-Los Angeles concept. Furthermore, SB50's impact on Los Angeles communities and wealth-building among working-class families would be devastating. Home ownership of a starter home -- a bungalow, an inexpensive tract home, an older home - is the number one way for working class families to build wealth and enter the middle class. This is a time-proven, undeniable truth. It is also undeniable that major real estate interests are behind SB50.

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Los Angeles is already meeting its state-required housing goals while taking different approaches tailored to the unique characteristics of the City's neighborhoods. Please give these policies a chance to work. I strongly urge the opposition of SB50, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.

Sincerely,

~ Caeli Lynch
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Los Angeles, CA 90008

Fwd: CALIFORNIA Senate Bill 50 - Vote No on SB 50

Anna Martinez <anna.martinez@lacity.org>
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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 7:11 AM

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From: **Natalie Powell** <nataliedpn@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 24, 2019 at 6:47 PM

Subject: CALIFORNIA Senate Bill 50 - Vote No on SB 50

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As a longtime **homeowner** of Crenshaw Manor in Los Angeles, I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB50, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.

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The City of Los Angeles' Chief Legislative Analyst recommends "OPPOSITION to SB50 unless the bill is amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions." I support LA City Council's resolution to oppose SB50.

Sincerely,
Natalie Powell
3924 Wellington Road
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From: **Brenda Ashby** <bashbyvp@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 24, 2019 at 2:20 PM

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Date: Fri, Mar 22, 2019 at 8:14 PM

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Density bonuses that incentivize one-bedroom units is not housing for families. SB50 attacks family housing and replaces it with housing that is not made for children. It is an anti-family, anti-Los Angeles concept. Furthermore, SB50's impact on Los Angeles communities and wealth-building among working-class families would be devastating. Home ownership of a starter home – a bungalow, an inexpensive tract home, an older home - is the number one way for working class families to build wealth and enter the middle class. This is a time-proven, undeniable truth. It is also undeniable that major real estate interests are behind SB50.

Finally, SB50 will create a system in which zoning height requirements are determined by Metro instead of City Planning. This could easily result in zoning that fluctuates substantially over time as service levels increase or decrease due to transit budgets, ridership, travel patterns, or service strategy. This will no doubt create additional opposition to the expansion of Metro services by neighborhoods that oppose density.

According to UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs economist Michael Storper, "The proof for the claim that housing is expensive primarily because of supply restrictions – rather than changes in income distribution in the New Economy – is inexistent." Professor Storper attacks the pure guesswork underway among housing policy makers. Los Angeles has, according to information provided by the Department of Building and Safety and from the city's Housing Department, 70,000

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to 120,000 units of UNBUILT fully permitted housing units. Investors are sitting on these approvals, flipping land, and driving up costs. The city's own unbuilt zoning capacity, according to the Los Angeles City Planning Department's own data, allows for a city of 7 million people RIGHT NOW. Our current zoning is extremely liberal and there is zero justification for upending it once again. This is not a problem of lack of zoning capacity. The City of Los Angeles is NOT standing in the way of housing growth.

Los Angeles is already meeting its state-required housing goals while taking different approaches tailored to the unique characteristics of the City's neighborhoods. Please give these policies a chance to work. I strongly urge the opposition of SB50, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.

Sincerely,

Vincent Brown

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Sent from my iPhone, possibly dictated. Please excuse weirdness.

Vote NO on SB50 (LA Council File: 19-0002-S38 & 18-1226)

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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 2:14 PM

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Dear Elected Representatives,

As a homeowner and resident of Crenshaw Manor in Los Angeles, I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB50, unless amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions.

SB50 does not respect the integrity of single-family zoning and other local characteristics of residential neighborhoods. Although SB50 allows sensitive communities to postpone implementation by five years, this only temporarily delays our neighborhood homes from succumbing to encroachment by apartment complexes towering up to 85 feet, if the Density Bonus is included. This will result in incredible land flipping as developers buy and demolish residential homes, potentially wiping out the entire Crenshaw Corridor Community along the LAX/Crenshaw Metro Line.

The City of Los Angeles' Chief Legislative Analyst recommends "OPPOSITION to SB50 unless the bill is amended to exclude the City of Los Angeles from its provisions." I support LA City Council's resolution to oppose SB50.

Sincerely,
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Best Regards,

Jeremy Thomas

NO on SB 50**'margo ternstrom' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee** <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

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SB 50 and related bills are authoritarian power grabs by Sacramento legislators which would, if they were enacted, cause our communities and neighborhoods to be wrecked with helter-skelter, out of scale, out of compatibility and unstoppable development. Just as perniciously, they would eliminate the democratic participation of ordinary citizens in our city's affairs.

There is nothing more important to Los Angeles' property owners, renters and all taxpayers than what happens where they live, what happens to the quality of life in their city and neighborhoods, and what happens to the value of their properties. Los Angeles residents are presently able to influence the decisions of their city officials and have a meaningful voice in shaping the policies that impact our lives, homes, neighborhoods and our property investments. We can go lobby our city councilperson's in their district offices, or drive downtown to City Hall for City Council hearings, as well as commission and committee hearings, so our voices can be heard.

If zoning decisions are moved to Sacramento, how can any of us effectively make our concerns or positions heard? Sacramento is hundreds of miles away. It would be an unreasonable burden for citizens to have to take an entire day off to travel to the Capitol, and the loss of income and the cost of travel is prohibitive to all except professional lobbyists. This is profoundly wrong and unjust.

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Again, I strongly urge you to Vote NO unless it were to clearly exempt Los Angeles for the entirety of SB 50.

Respectfully,

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Margo Ternstrom
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gfields347 via Clerk-PLUM-Committee <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

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Again, I strongly urge you to Vote NO unless it were to clearly exempt Los Angeles for the entirety of SB 50.

Respectfully,

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Vote NO on SB50 (LA Council File: 19-0002-S38 & 18-1226)**'Nicole Jefferson' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee** <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

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Sincerely,

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!!Vote NO on SB50!!

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SB 50 and related bills are authoritarian power grabs by Sacramento legislators which would, if they were enacted, cause our communities and neighborhoods to be wrecked with helter-skelter, out of scale, out of compatibility and unstoppable development. Just as perniciously, they would eliminate the democratic participation of ordinary citizens in our city's affairs.

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If zoning decisions are moved to Sacramento, how can any of us effectively make our concerns or positions heard? Sacramento is hundreds of miles away. It would be an unreasonable burden for citizens to have to take an entire day off to travel to the Capitol, and the loss of income and the cost of travel is prohibitive to all except professional lobbyists. This is profoundly wrong and unjust.

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Here in the Leimert Park and adjacent areas of Los Angeles, where we live, we already have a host of density housing developments underway under TOC. Over 700 housing units will be built soon. More are coming. While we may not be happy about all this change, especially the parking and traffic woes it will create, at least we can go to our City Councilmember and pressure him or her to encourage developers to sit down with the community and try to work out changes in design and colors to make their projects more in keeping with neighborhoods. There are some developers who have done this, and the results for the community are more positive. None of this would happen if SB 50 and similar bills were to pass.

Again, I strongly urge you to Vote NO unless it were to clearly exempt Los Angeles for the entirety of SB 50.

Respectfully,

Diane Robertson

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Please Vote No on SB50

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Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 4:58 PM

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The purpose of this email is to implore you to Vote NO on SB 50, unless it were to be amended to being made exclusive to non-profit developers that provide exclusively low-income and/or below market rate housing. SB 50, State Sen. Scott Weiner's newest version of last year's terrible SB 827 bill, is yet another deeply disrespectful and destructive attempt to take away from Los Angeles and all other California towns and cities (and their residents) their fundamental and important role to control local zoning and shape the future of their communities. More insultingly, he is doing it under the name of purporting to look out for low income individuals. We are not fooled. SB 50 and related bills, if they were enacted, cause our communities and neighborhoods to be wrecked with helter-skelter, out of scale, out of compatibility and unstoppable development. They would eliminate the democratic participation of ordinary citizens in our city's affairs.

There is nothing more important to Los Angeles' property owners, renters and all taxpayers than what happens where they live and what happens to the quality of life in their city and neighborhoods. Los Angeles residents are presently able to influence the decisions of their city officials and have a meaningful voice in shaping the policies that impact our lives, homes, neighborhoods and our property investments. We can go lobby our city councilperson's in their district offices, or drive downtown to City Hall for City Council hearings, as well as commission and committee hearings, so our voices can be heard.

Indeed, through this process the City of Los Angeles is already doing its part to address the need for more housing through the passage of Measure JJJ and the creation of Transit Oriented Communities. Here in the Leimert Park and adjacent areas of Los Angeles, where we live, we already have a host of density housing developments underway under TOC. Over 700 housing unites will be built soon. Thousands more are coming. Through this process we have been able to go to our City Councilmember and pressure him or her to encourage developers to sit down with the community and try to work out changes in design and colors to make their projects more in keeping with neighborhoods. There are some developers who have done this, and the results for the community are more positive. None of this would happen if SB 50 and similar bills were to pass. Moreover, it currently allows for smart growth of housing while at the same time protecting key elements of the community. SB 50 would destroy that.

I strongly support low income housing, and would strongly support real measures to ensure all Californians are housed, and if SB 50 was to be made exclusively for nonprofit developers As a person of color, I have too often seen exploiters like Representative Weiner claim that his actions are for our benefit, while in reality they, in intent and in effect, undermine, destroy, and exploit our communities. My community is on to him, and I urge you to vehemently oppose SB 50. We are looking for your support and will be sure to keep track of where you stand on these issues with your votes, so we know whether you stand with the community or with Weiner and his developers.

Again, I strongly urge you to Vote NO for the entirety of SB 50.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Espiritu