

Re. Council File No. 19-0002-S38 - Support CM Koretz motion/Oppose SB 50**'Walter Dominguez' via Clerk-PLUM-Committee** <clerk.plumcommittee@lacity.org>

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Dear PLUM Committee Members:

SB 50 - State Sen. Scott Weiner's newest version of last year's terrible SB 827 bill - is yet another deeply undemocratic, 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.

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.

Another Point: 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. As it is doing its part, L.A. does not deserve a cannon shot at it by a legislator looking to make a name for himself and have his political ambitions funded by real estate development lobbyists.

Here in the Pico-MidCity area where we live, we already have a host of density housing developments underway under TOC - over 14 in just a two mile radius. Over 800 housing unites will be built soon. More are coming.

We are not happy about all this change, but 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 at the behest of our council persons, and the results for the community are more positive. None of this would happen if SB 50 and similar bills were to pass.

STAND UP AGAINST SB 50 AND SACRAMENTO'S OTHER POWER GRABS; SUPPORT CM KORETZ'S EFFORTS TO STOP THIS.

Sincerely,

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