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Summary:



Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: **Council File 20-0002-S100**: SB 1299 (Portantino)/Big Box Retailer/Commercial Shopping Center/Rezoning Idle Sites/Workforce Housing

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council:

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports council motion 20-0002-S100, which supports California State Senate Bill 1299. This bill will incentivize municipalities to rezone vacant big-box retail space as workforce housing. Post COVID-19, many retail spaces have become vacant due to the pandemic induced recession. Simultaneously, economic decline has increased the need for covenant restricted affordable housing. Big box retail sites are often large enough to become focal points for transit-oriented development or master-planned multifamily communities. Furthermore, big-box retail sites are most abundant in suburban areas of Greater Los Angeles which lack land to build new homes without redeveloping existing, stable, neighborhoods. This bill also respects the local control of cities as it is not a mandate, or a one size fits all zoning reform approach.

Sincerely,

Empowerment Congress West Area NDC