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Councilmembers of Long Beach and Mayor Garcia:

We are long time residents of District 5, my parents being the original owner of our home built in 1950.?? More specifically we live in Lakewood Village.?? We are concerned about the potential passage of SB 50 by the California state legislature.?? It is the nightmare of fighting the LUE all over again.

Lakewood Village specifically is already surrounded on most sides by apartments???on Bellflower, Carson and Lakewood Blvds. The possibility of adding higher density via more stories/apartments to this relatively small area is incredible. There are already traffic issues around the City College. Parking is at a premium with residents competing with students for parking in front of their own homes. On Arbor between Bellflower and Charlemagne there are 2 churches, one with a school. During the times when that school is starting/letting out and on Sundays the traffic and parking issues are crazy. And if there are any kind of sports games going on at Pan American Park or the fields behind Bancroft you can forget even driving down Charlemagne. Add to that cars from Lakewood High School coming through the village and you have even more traffic issues.?? That's just on 'our' side of Clark. The West side has the college, Mark Twain, a church plus traffic on Clark itself. Drivers speed along Arbor and Harvey, and blow stop signs on a regular basis. Streets like Clark are in such bad shape it's like driving through Beirut! The list of current problems could go on. Yet there is no money to deal with any of these things now???not enough police to patrol adequately to prevent the traffic problems or break-ins, vandalism. And per the Police chief no plans to increase hiring. Or to fix the streets. Just from this standpoint alone higher density would be a disaster for the Village.

More residents would also mean more kids for the schools. Will more schools be built? There is apparently not enough budget to give the existing schools the basics needed now. I am sure we will face water restrictions again in the future???where is more water going to come from for all of these new residents? It doesn't seem like the city can keep up with the population it has now, let alone adding thousands more.

What will this do to the property values of the homes already here? Our home is our major investment, we don't want to see it degraded because the residential neighborhood is turned into downtown Long Beach with apartment buildings and condos squeezed into this area.

The point of this is that we are asking you to tell Sacramento that Long Beach is opposed to SB50.?? The City of Los Angeles has had the foresight to do it, we hope Long Beach will do the same.

Thank you for your time,

Lynda and Dennis Martinez