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Subject: Assembly Local Government Agenda 6/9/21 - Grave concerns with SB 9

-EXTERNAL-

To: Assembly Local Government Chair Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry,

Dear Legislator,

SB 9 is a fatally flawed bill that allows four full-sized homes without yards or garages — a radical up-zoning of 7 million single-family homes, and an unprecedented experiment in the U.S. This bill is based on a disproved study that claimed California needed 3.5M new units by 2025. In fact, we need 1.1M units and are closing in on that.

I urge you to oppose this attempt to revive the failed SB 1120 from last year. SB 9's fundamental concepts are misguided and unacceptable.

- SB 9's intent is to allow 4 market-rate houses where 1 home now stands. Sold last year as a "duplex" bill, the authors dropped that misleading language after statewide criticism. SB 9 allows 4 McMansions built within 4 feet of the property line where 1 home now stands.

- Vulnerable lower-income and moderate-income areas, especially Southern California's vast Black and Latino homeownership communities, would face intense gentrification as developers snap up and destroy well-located, Black and Latino ownership neighborhoods.

- Sold as good for families, the real windfall is for rental giants who will buy and demolish homes from South L.A., to the Inland Empire— where 58% of homes are owned by tens of thousands of working-class and middle-class Latinos.

- SB 9 encourages developers to build huge areas of dense, costly rentals — a misguided weakening of homeownership at the worst possible time.

- Narrow 4-foot setbacks and elimination of yards and trees will harm our fight against GHG and water recapture, destroying defensible space around homes in an era when wildfires burn communities outside the state's official fire hazard zones.

- SB 9 requires no garages, creating hardship for families with children, the elderly, the disabled, and working-class people who must have a car or truck, equipment or tools, to survive.

I ask that you support housing bills that facilitate, not mandate, what California's more than 470 cities should do:

- **Transform idled commercial strips to affordable housing with ground-floor businesses via SB 15.** SB 15 invites, not orders, cities to act.
- Provide high-quality internet for areas left behind by the historic move to remote work via SB 28, which helps, not overruns, communities.
- **Turn your attention to low-income housing.** The California Legislature defunded affordable housing after the Great Recession and never put the money back. It's time to do that.
- **Find ways to support cities, not blame them.** Too many bills seek broad state powers to police, punish or shift blame to our fund-starved cities.

We must retain local control on the issues that impact our neighborhoods and cities so extensively. We can not allow these poorly constructed bills permit development without any consideration for infrastructure - not water, sewer, schools, police nor fire. And in particular, our fire water infrastructure was not designed to handle the proposed level of density thus creating dangerous residential vulnerabilities.

I wish you good luck in this session. I hope to see housing bills that directly address affordable housing needs.

Respectfully,

Laurie Angel
Jane Addams Neighborhood Association
Long Beach, CA

From: Devin Ablard [mailto:dablard947@gmail.com]
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Subject: Affordable Housing Study-Agenda Item

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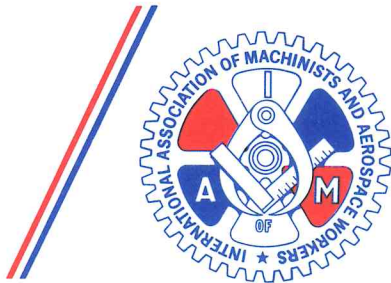
Hello Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Please see attached the IAM's support letter for Vicemayor Richardon's item tonight to help Long Beach address our ongoing housing crisis.

In Solidarity,
Devin Ablard
He, Him, His
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Honorable Mayor; Vice mayor; and City Council,

We are writing today in regard to Vice mayor Richardson's proposal for a study into how we can address this city's ever-growing housing crisis. The IAM supports the proposed study and is excited to see the results. Affordable, safe housing is essential to our recovery from the Corona Virus Pandemic and will create a safety net that protects Long Beach's residents and helps release the daily stress our members face in trying to keep this city moving forward.

We do want to address a concern that our membership has regarding this item. By imposing "shot clocks," projects could inadvertently be approved that do not meet the Uniform Building code and could pose a danger to the very people we are aiming to help. We look forward to tonight's discussion and hope that safeguards can be included in the study that would prevent large developers from unduly benefitting from this provision at the cost of our city and its residents. Thank you, Vice mayor Richardson, for advocating for working families, both those who work for the City of Long Beach, and of those our members service.

Sincerely,

Richard Suarez

Grand Lodge Representative

International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers

From: SUSAN [mailto:suvanra2@msn.com]
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Subject: Our Neighborhood and State Bill 9

-EXTERNAL-

I live in Lakewood Village, which is part of Long Beach. When it was developed back in the late 1930's-early 1940's, some of the lots were made slightly larger because there were a lot of people from the Mid-West (Iowa) settling here in LB, and they wanted some land to have a garden, etc. I don't know if Lakewood Village would qualify as an Historic Neighborhood BUT there is something that needs to be considered and that is....there are NO SIDEWALKS in the residential area. Therefore, all the inhabitants of the Village have very few choices but to WALK in the STREETS. If there is NO REQUIREMENT for PARKING on these urban split lots in Lakewood Village the residents, which include children, elderly seniors, the handicapped and others will be forced to walk in the middle of the street. Visualize this...Three to Four Residences on a lot with only parking for the homeowner's car (possibly multiple cars) AND for the other 2 to 3 unit's cars, parked along the curbs. With cars parked on both sides of the street at the curb, and NO SIDEWALKS... Students, Children, Elderly, and Handicapped Residents Will be Walking in the Middle of the Street! This will be Dangerous, especially for children on their way to school. PLEASE RE-THINK THIS FOR LAKEWOOD VILLAGE AND AMEND THIS TO REQUIRE ONSITE PARKING FOR EACH OF THE NEW UNITS ON the LOT or better yet....Make Lakewood Village an Historical Neighborhood.

THANK YOU for caring about our residents of Lakewood Village!

Susan Kay

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Subject: City Council Unagendized Comment - June 15 2021

-EXTERNAL-

Please ensure city council members are provided a copy of the attached comments.

Corliss Lee
speaking on behalf of Eastside Voice and CARP

SB9 – Unagendized Comments City Council meeting 6/15/21

Corliss Lee

President, Eastside Voice

June 15, 2021

We need you to represent the community

- You were elected to serve
- The Long Beach communities overwhelmingly oppose high density building – especially without parking
- This bill has moved through the State Senate and is on its way to the last State Assembly Committee on 6/22.
- **You can still do your part to stop this bill by agendizing it for a special vote to alert the State Legislature that Long Beach opposes SB9**

Arguments in Favor

- SB9 will promote building to combat the housing shortage
 - **Not so** - It will promote market rate housing – which is not what is needed. It is silent on affordable housing. We have an affordable housing shortage, not a market rate housing shortage
- SB9 will allow young people to purchase housing because there will be smaller properties on the market
 - **Not so** – SB9 will increase land values because you can put 4-8 units on a property where once there was one. That makes it lucrative for developers and investors. Young families won't stand a chance in a bidding war.
- SB9 will keep people from becoming homeless
 - **Not so** – LBRC interviewed 3 professionals that work with the homeless, running shelters etc. Their statement “a housing shortage is not the cause of homelessness.”
 - Over 80% of homeless are mentally ill or have substance abuse problems. They will not qualify to rent or own a home under any circumstances.
 - There does need to be an investment in housing them, but this bill will do nothing for that.

Arguments Against

- Local controls are severely compromised - SB9 overrides General Plan and Zoning
 - SB 9, in one fell swoop, would fundamentally change every General Plan and Zoning Ordinance in every city and county in California
- No Parking Required
 - SB9 prohibits cities from requiring any off-street parking whatsoever for any housing units located within ½ mile walking distance of a transit stop. This will create ferocious competition for street parking.
- No Affordable Housing
 - SB9 has ***no provisions for affordable housing***. This bill promotes market rate housing, which is not what is needed
- Trees and Yards will disappear
 - 4' setbacks on the side and back of a lot will eliminate greenscape and the healing power that neutralizes carbon emissions

Arguments Against con't

- **CEQA neutralized**
 - SB 9 overrides the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempting urban lot splits from addressing potential environmental impacts.
- **Ministerial approval**
 - No discretionary review, public hearings, or public notice to neighboring property owners required. This state mandate also applies to parcels located within the Coastal Zone.
 - Local control is removed. A checklist suffices to approve building.
- **No requirement for owner occupancy of any of the units being created**
 - This makes single-family neighborhoods vulnerable to homes being scooped up by real estate speculators, hedge funds, and Wall Street and enabling them to develop multi-family housing in single-family neighborhoods.

Arguments against (con't)

- **Infrastructure** - There is no funding in this bill to support replacement or enhancement
 - **Water shortages** are imminent – yet the State is encouraging a bill that could produce 3.5M new homes/water hook ups. Doing this while the state is facing an exceptional drought is mind-boggling
 - **Sewers** – Long Beach has old sewers 4” ceramic pipe that was not designed for multi-family high density homes and is due for replacement. **Electrical** – Every year we have electrical shortages in the summer when A/C is heavily used. More units pulling on electrical output will make this condition worse.
 - **Electrical** – Heat island conditions will exacerbate the need for A/C as well as the additional units connecting to it.
 - **Trash** – garbage will increase and require additional services. And where will trash cans go if the sides and backyard setbacks are 4’?
 - **Police and Fire** – More people means more crime. More people means more fire protection needs.

RHNA calculations for housing goals incorrect

- The goals for housing are overstated by approximately 50%
- [Orange County Agency to Sue State Over Housing Mandates – Real News Aggregator](#)

You are in good company opposing this bill:

League of California Cities Opposes SB9

- League of California cities voted to oppose the bill

The League of California Cities writes in opposition,

“SB 9 as currently drafted will not spur much needed housing construction in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision making, and community input. State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements that are certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development...”

The Los Angeles County Democratic Party voted to oppose SB9 and SB10

- 109 to 17 to oppose SB 9
- 98 to 13 to oppose SB 10.
- Rationale: will lead to the gentrification of Black and Brown neighborhoods.

63 California cities have voted to oppose SB9

- City of Agoura Hills City of Arcata City of Belmont City of Beverly Hills City of Burbank City of **Carson** City of **Cerritos** City of Clovis City of Chino Hills City of Colton City of Corona City of Cupertino City of Diamond Bar City of Dublin City of Eastvale City of El Segundo City of Elk Grove City of **Fountain Valley** City of Hesperia City of Hidden Hills City of **Huntington Beach** City of Iwrindale City of King City of La Canada Flintridge City of Lafayette City of **Laguna Niguel** City of Lancaster City of Livermore City of Lomita City of Menifee City of Merced City of Mission Viejo City of Montclair City of **Newport Beach** City of **Norwalk** City of Ontario City of Orinda City of Palo Alto City of **Palos Verdes Estates** City of **Paramount** City of Pasadena City of Pismo Beach City of Pleasanton City of **Rancho Palos Verdes** City of Rancho Santa Margarita City of **Redondo Beach** City of Rohnert Park City of Rolling Hills City of **Rolling Hills Estates** City of San Carlos City of San Clemente City of San Dimas City of San Jacinto City of San Marcos City of San Ramon City of Santa Clara City of Santa Clarita City of Santa Monica City of Saratoga City of Signal Hill City of Thousand Oaks City of Westlake Village City of Yorba Linda

“Oppose unless Amended” – another 60 cities

- City of Pismo Beach City of Stanton City of Azusa City of **Bellflower** City of Brea City of Brentwood City of Camarillo City of Carpinteria City of Chino City of Clayton City of Clearlake City of **Cypress** City of Dorris City of **Downey** City of Escalon City of Folsom City of Fortuna City of Foster City City of **Garden Grove** City of Glendora City of Grand Terrace City of Half Moon Bay City of Indian Wells City of Inglewood City of Irvine City of Irwindale City of Kerman City of La Mirada City of La Palma City of La Quinta City of La Verne City of **Laguna Beach** City of Lakeport City of **Lakewood** City of **Los Alamitos** City of **Los Altos** City of Martinez City of Maywood City of Monterey City of Moorpark City of Murrieta City of Newman City of Novato City of Oakdale City of Pinole City of Placentia City of Poway City of Rancho Cucamonga City of Redding City of San Gabriel City of San Marino City of Simi Valley City of South Pasadena City of Sunnyvale City of Temecula City of **Torrance** City of Tracy City of Vacaville City of Ventura City of Vista City of Whittier

3 cities have voted to support the bill

- City of Alameda
- City of Oakland
- City of San Diego

In conclusion

- SB 9 does nothing about the real housing crisis: that of housing affordability. This bill will not produce one unit of affordable housing while maximizing high-end market rate housing.
- Multiple flaws in the bill make it a bill that should be defeated.
- Long Beach needs to stand with their neighboring cities and oppose this bill.