



Date: May 30, 2019

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

Subject: **Opposition to SB 50 (Wiener): Planning and Zoning: Housing Density**

Attached, for your information, is a letter of opposition to SB 50 (Wiener), legislation that proposes to address the State's housing crisis by enabling density developments along high-quality transit corridors, around major transit stops, and in jobs-rich areas. On May 7, 2019, the City Council voted unanimously to oppose the bill unless, it was amended to exempt the City of Long Beach (City) in recognition of the high volume and rate of permitted housing developments in our city. This letter has been submitted to the State Legislative Portal and transmitted to the entire Long Beach State legislative delegation.

We are pleased to report that on May 16, 2019, however, California State Senate Appropriations Committee held SB 50 in Committee, making it a two-year bill. This means SB 50 will not move forward in the current legislative session; it does remain eligible to move forward in next year's legislative session. There have also been reports of the author's desire to include portions of SB 50 in other pieces of housing legislation that are still moving forward, though, no such changes have occurred to date. The City will continue to monitor these developments, as well as all other housing bills that would limit the City's authority to exercise our local land use approval authority and oppose legislation as appropriate.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Diana Tang, Manager of Government Affairs, at (562) 570-6506.

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