

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers: On behalf of more than 11,000 residents of unincorporated View Park, Windsor Hills and View Heights, I write to urge you to join United Homeowners' Association (UHA), Councilmember Koretz and other right thinking Angelenos in opposing SB 10, a poorly conceived attempt by a small minority of Sacramento legislators that do not have our best interests at heart to unilaterally upzone single family communities across Los Angeles and the entire state. The author of this bill has consistently ignored multiple pleas by UHA (see attached correspondence regarding prior bills on this topic) and others to work in a collaborative manner with all stakeholders to come up with real solutions to the affordable housing crisis that do not destroy single family communities, many of which are not only historically significant but also include large concentrations of homeowners of color. We find it ironic that our single family communities are threatened by bad bills offered up in the name of combating systemic racism at a moment when so many of our neighbors continue to be displaced by the gentrification and runaway housing costs that come with poorly planned density and rampant increases in market rate housing, which will most certainly occur if this bill is enacted. Rather than getting into a protracted battle over legislation that likely will not produce a single affordable housing unit, please join us in opposing SB 10 and calling for our state legislators to convene a statewide working group comprised of representatives of all key stakeholders to issue a series of recommendations to spur the creation of more affordable housing with new policies at the state and local level. Thank you!



January 23, 2020

Hon. Scott Wiener, Senator
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, California 95814-4900

Dear Senator Wiener:

I write to inform you that United Homeowners Association II, a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation representing more than 11,000 residents of unincorporated Windsor Hills, View Park, and View Heights, is firmly opposed to SB 50 as presently written due to the harmful impact it will have on our community, which includes the largest historic district in the United States designated in the National Register of Historic Places for its association with African American history. Many of our residents have lived here long enough to remember the racist and illegal acts committed by their former neighbors over 50 years ago when African Americans first began buying homes in this area, and it is ironic that we are now confronted with state legislation that would end up driving African Americans away from this area in large numbers just as those misguided individuals intended through their racist acts many years ago.

Like many other concerned citizens, we believe that SB 50 would dramatically accelerate the already aggressive trend we've witnessed in South Los Angeles toward gentrification and massive displacement of African American homeowners and renters who can no longer afford to live in the same communities where they were born and raised because of the haphazard rush to build luxury and market rate housing close to transit. The impact of the small amount of affordable housing included in SB 50 would be overshadowed by the massive amount of market rate and luxury housing controlled by corporate investors that is sure to follow in the wake of the upzoning actions that SB 50 would unleash on our community. If you really are serious about doing something to address the affordable housing crisis, please focus on delivering incentives and subsidies for projects that require 100% affordability.

The other troubling aspect of your bill is its complete and utter disruption of the compact that currently exists between local policy makers, developers, and community members engaged in the local planning, zoning, and entitlement process. While this process is certainly not perfect, it relies on collaboration among key stakeholders that would permanently disappear if SB 50 is adopted into law as currently drafted. As someone with experience working with a broad spectrum of stakeholders on difficult issues involving land use planning, environmental protection, and economic development, I can assure you that your legislative agenda will have a much greater chance of succeeding if you emphasize a collaborative approach instead of this heavy handed, one-size-fits-all approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Heath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John W. Heath, Esq.
Board President
United Homeowners' Association II

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose SB 9 and SB 10. This is another gift to developers that already run and run and ruin California. We need true accountability in the planning of our neighborhoods.