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September 12, 2025

Governor Gavin Newsom
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Senate Bill 79

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Senate Bill 79.

This bill, if implemented, would mandate that housing developments meeting certain criteria near a transit-oriented development stop must be allowed on sites zoned residential, mixed-use, or commercial.

By imposing these mandatory requirements, SB-79 removes critical local control over land use planning. Cities and counties are best positioned to evaluate the needs of their communities and infrastructure capacity. Forcing local governments to conform to externally imposed standards undermines the ability of elected officials to make decisions that reflect their constituents' priorities.

California must continue to expand housing, but this goal should be pursued in partnership with local governments, not by overriding their authority with one-size-fits-all mandates. SB-79 risks creating zoning conflicts, legal uncertainty, and unnecessary friction in the planning process, rather than streamlining housing development.

I respectfully request that you veto SB-79. Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senate District 32