

November 27, 2019

Hon. Anthony Portantino
Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT – SB 50 (Wiener): California More HOMES Act

Dear Chairperson Portantino,

I write on behalf of City of Carson to express our support for Senate Bill 50, the More HOMES Act. By making housing more abundant, California can significantly reduce the cost of living here, providing essential housing for our low- and middle-income residents. Research from UC Berkeley confirms that housing reduces displacement ([source](#)), and meeting our state's need for 3.5 million new homes by 2025 is imperative if we want California to be a place where middle-income people can thrive.

The More HOMES Act is also a climate solution. The California Air Resources Board suggests that we cannot meet our climate goals as a state without decreasing the total number of vehicle miles traveled, a goal we will not meet without housing infill policies. Climate pollutants from vehicles most harm low-income Californians, and getting people to walk or take transit to work will reduce pollutants coming from cars.

The More HOMES Act builds a fairer California, one that is more empowering to its residents. By overriding restrictive zoning in segregated areas, the More HOMES could help reverse the ongoing trend of segregation in California. It gives more families access to good schools and healthy air.

By allowing diverse housing options within the same neighborhood, the bill also allows families to age in place, surrounded by their friends, family, and faith communities. This keeps family close and communities together, reinforcing natural support systems. When Californians can depend on their neighbors for community, all California benefits.

The More HOMES Act will help ensure Californians have access to affordable, walkable and transit-oriented housing -- an urgent priority for our growing population of working Californians.

For these reasons, City of Carson is pleased to support the More HOMES Act. We're committed to working with you, the State Legislature, and Governor Newsom to empower Californians with greater housing choice, more economic security, and the ability to keep California's families together. We thank you for raising the essential issues the More HOMES Act addresses and will advocate strongly for it.

Sincerely,

Albert Robles
Mayor