



February 22, 2021

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Senate Housing Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2209  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 10 – Local Rezoning for Transit- and Jobs-Adjacent Housing SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development, I write to express strong support for your Senate Bill 10, to allow local governments to rezone land up to 10 housing units per parcel on infill sites near jobs and transit, without requiring review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

California is in the midst of a dire housing shortage relative to our population and number of jobs, leading to high rents and unaffordable home prices for most residents. A primary reason for that shortage is restrictive local zoning throughout the state's major population and job centers, which limits the amount of land available for new housing to be built.

A major barrier to local governments that seek to rezone some of this land for infill housing is a time-consuming and costly CEQA review process. SB 10 would allow local governments to bypass this CEQA review for small-scale infill housing near transit and jobs, which would give residents in these developments an opportunity to reduce their environmental impact through shorter commutes and increased transit access. The bill would not impose any requirements on local governments but instead allow those that want to move forward with small-scale infill housing to do so without incurring significant costs.

The Council of Infill Builders is proud to support SB 10 and thanks you for your leadership to advance infill in California.

Sincerely,

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Board Member, Council of Infill Builders