



April 20, 2021

The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 832: Community Redevelopment

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

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 our support for your Assembly Bill 832, which will remove the challenges that remaining redevelopment plans continue to pose to housing and affordable housing development.

The Council of Infill Builders is dedicated to championing policies that make high-quality, transit-oriented infill development easier, cheaper and faster to build. AB 832 would further that goal by allowing redevelopment plans that date from the dissolution of these agencies in 2012 to be amended through city rather than community redevelopment law processes. In addition, the legislation would address litigation recently filed against the City of Los Angeles concerning the transfer of the land use authorities within the redevelopment plans from the designated local authority to the City of Los Angeles.

AB 832 would specifically assist with implementation of the Hollywood Community Plan, which will result in more housing and redevelopment for this critical part of the city and region. The bill would resolve ongoing legal and administrative uncertainty created by the discrepancies between the former redevelopment plans and Measure JJJ, which created a ministerial process for developments with a percentage of affordable housing near transit in Los Angeles. The uncertainty and resulting litigation has delayed approximately 3,300 units of housing, with additional administrative challenges or threats of litigation stymieing approximately 275 units of deed-restricted affordable housing.

The Council of Infill Builders thanks you for your leadership in addressing this critical gap and uncertainty in local government land use policies and boosting affordable housing and more livable communities in our transit-rich neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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Meea Kang
Council of Infill Builders