



April 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 79 (Wiener) - 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 in strong support of SB 79, which will allow critical zoning reforms to facilitate much-needed housing development near transit stops across California. SB 79 will help address the state's ongoing housing shortage while promoting sustainable infill development and supporting public transit systems.

Our members build all types of infill housing across California, from small-scale projects to large apartments and subsidized deed-restricted housing to market-rate units. Yet despite the state facing a severe housing shortage, our members are often unable to build the precise type of transit-oriented, compact development that the state needs due to local zoning restrictions.

SB 79 addresses this problem by creating minimum zoning standards near high-quality transit stops. Specifically, the bill zones for multifamily residential uses near major transit stops on any site zoned for residential, mixed use, commercial, or light industrial development, up to a specified height, density, and floor area ratio. Building more of these homes and neighborhoods near transit reduces transportation and housing costs for California families and promotes economic growth and reduced traffic and climate pollution.

For these reasons, we strongly support SB 79 and thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mott Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Mott Smith, Chair, Board of Directors
Council of infill Builders