



LOS ANGELES AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 21, 2025

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

RE: SB 79 (WIENER) TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – SUPPORT - AS AMENDED

Dear Senator Wiener,

On behalf of The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (“The Chamber”), the largest business organization in the Los Angeles region, I write in support of Senate Bill 79, which will allow critical zoning reforms to facilitate much-needed housing development near transit stops across California, known as transit-oriented development (TOD). SB 79 will help address the state’s ongoing housing shortage while promoting sustainable development, reducing traffic congestion, and supporting public transit systems.

The Chamber supports initiatives that address the housing crisis, cultivate healthier neighborhoods, and increase safety in our communities to make the region a more commuter-friendly place to live and work. SB 79 will strengthen communities in the Los Angeles region by increasing affordable housing production and transit choice thus fostering connectivity, mobility, and economic growth.

California faces a severe housing crisis, particularly in areas with access to robust public transit infrastructure. Building more homes near transit reduces transportation and housing costs for California families and promotes environmental sustainability, economic growth, and reduces climate pollution.

SB 79 represents a crucial step toward addressing California’s housing and sustainability challenges. By unlocking the potential of land near transit, this bill will create more livable, walkable, and affordable communities for Californians.

For these reasons, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce supports SB 79 (Wiener). For any questions, please contact Elissa Diaz, Director of Public Policy, at ediaz@lachamber.com.

Sincerely,

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