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June 15, 2021

Via Position Letter Portal

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Notice of Opposition to SB 10, as Amended May 26, 2021

Dear Senator Wiener:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes reaffirms its opposition to SB 10, which would allow local governments to adopt an ordinance to zone a parcel for up to 10 residential units, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site.

While we appreciate the removal of the provisions granting ministerial approval to such developments thereby allowing for public review of developments which may be created near borders whereby one jurisdiction adopted such an ordinance and another did not, this bill continues to provide the opportunity for cities to overturn voter approved initiatives.

Some jurisdictions have adopted voter approved initiatives establishing specific procedures related to residential density. A governing body should not be able to utilize the ordinance process in SB 10 to overturn any voter approved initiatives. Such initiatives are one of the most direct means that voters have of expressing their will for their communities and allowing an elected body to overturn these initiatives would be an affront to the democratic process.

Furthermore, as amended May 26, 2021, the bill simply affirms the existing process for many cities to rezone by ordinance. Cities already have authority to rezone parcels based on community needs. At best, this bill is redundant, at worst, this bill may pose a threat to the democratic process and imposes on local land use authority.

Therefore, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes continues to oppose SB 10.

Senator Wiener

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric P. Alegria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "A".

Eric Alegria

Mayor

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