



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lester J. Friedman, Mayor

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Senate, 9th District  
State Capitol, Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 8 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law  
City of Beverly Hills – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Skinner,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to you in respectful OPPOSITION to your SB 8. We are concerned this bill will be amended to provide additional provisions that will override local control and strip local governments of long-held land use authorities which form the bedrock of local government and place them under the purview of the state.

As introduced, SB 8 includes provisions that make a nonsubstantive change to provisions of the California Government Code relating to density bonus law. We anticipate this bill will be substantially amended later in the legislative session and have reviewed a statement from your office stating that “SB 8 will address California’s housing crisis by focusing on opportunities to ensure housing production can continue to move forward in the state.”

The City of Beverly Hills has long supported the preservation of local control, as localities are best suited to aptly address the needs of local constituents. The City of Beverly Hills has put forth a great amount of time and effort into ensuring that the City’s growth is well-planned and takes the City’s future housing needs into account. The City consistently meets its Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) housing production requirements and works with other local governments in the region to do our part to ensure that regional housing needs are met.

We strongly oppose any state proposals that will upend our local planning and land use efforts. We are concerned this measure will be amended to potentially impose a one-size-fits-all statewide solution to local land use issues that are best addressed on a regional and local basis.

The City of Beverly Hills has long supported the preservation of local control, which this bill is likely to further erode once fully amended. For these reasons, the City of Beverly Hills must respectfully OPPOSE your SB 8.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester J. Friedman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester J. Friedman  
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
The Honorable Ben Allen, 26th Senate District  
The Honorable Richard Bloom, 50th Assembly District  
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