



City of Glendora
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

September 15, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Veto of SB 79 (Wiener) – Transit Oriented Development

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I respectfully urge you to veto SB 79 (Wiener). While we share the goal of addressing California's housing crisis, this legislation imposes a one-size-fits-all mandate that disregards community-led planning, undermines local authority, and fails to deliver on its housing promises.

Glendora is designated as a Tier 2 transit stop under the proposed legislation, yet under SB 79 there is little to no distinction between Tier 2 and Tier 1 stops. The bill allows development more than 100% greater in height and density than any existing project in our City. This represents an unprecedented and unmanageable scale of development, for which Glendora and local utilities may not be able to provide the infrastructure necessary to support such growth.

Our City has already undertaken difficult and necessary visioning exercises through the Glendora Station Area Vision Plan, an 18-month community-driven process aligned with the opening of the Metro A-Line station in 2026. That effort, which cost more than \$250,000 and involved extensive public outreach, produced a thoughtful framework balancing housing, transportation, economic development, and community character. The visioning effort found ways to meet the City's required Sixth Cycle Housing Development targets, while keeping critical commercial space. SB 79 throws away this hard work, further eroding public trust not only in our local government but also in the State of California.





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Despite the language in the bill, this measure is in practice a one-size-fits-all approach that strips cities of the ability to tailor growth responsibly to local conditions. It is, frankly, a slap in the face to communities like Glendora that have worked tirelessly to implement the myriad of housing and land use bills the Legislature has passed over the last five years.

By overriding state-certified housing elements, eliminating environmental review, and granting unchecked land use authority to transit agencies, SB 79 undermines accountability, local flexibility, and the very partnerships needed to meet California's housing needs. Instead of providing cities with the flexibility to implement the bill development allowances as needed, the bill's framework risks worsening, not solving, our housing challenges by sacrificing thoughtful planning for blunt mandates.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora strongly opposes SB 79 and respectfully requests your veto. Doing so will safeguard local planning, preserve community trust, and open the door for more balanced, collaborative approaches to addressing California's housing crisis.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fredendall".

David Fredendall
Mayor, City of Glendora

cc: The Honorable Scott Wiener and The Honorable Blanca Rubio
Members, Assembly Committee on Local Government
Brady Guertin, Legislative Advocate, League of California Cities

