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June 19, 2026

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6630
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Opposition to Senate Bill 1361 (Durazo) – Local Land Use Authority and Transit Project Review

Dear Senator Durazo:

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I am writing to respectfully oppose Senate Bill (SB) 1361. While the City supports the expansion of public transit and recognizes the importance of improving mobility throughout California, SB 1361 would significantly limit the ability of local governments to participate in planning decisions that directly affect their communities.

As amended, SB 1361 would prohibit cities from requesting reductions in service at transit stops, withholding approval of transit projects based on density and height requirements established under SB 79, and withholding support for federal grant applications associated with transit projects. While these provisions are intended to advance transit objectives, they do so by limiting the ability of local governments to participate in decisions that directly affect the communities we represent.

Cities are responsible for balancing housing, transportation, infrastructure, public safety, environmental considerations, and community character. Local elected officials hear directly from residents every day and are often the first to address the impacts (both positive and negative) of major public investments. Restricting local input reduces opportunities for thoughtful coordination and can result in projects that fail to adequately account for local conditions and community needs.

Glendora believes that successful transit investments are built on partnership. Local governments and transportation agencies should be working together toward the same goal: creating communities that are connected, accessible, and economically vibrant. That kind of partnership only works when both agencies come to the table as equal partners, each bringing valuable expertise, responsibilities, and perspectives.





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SB 1361 moves us in the opposite direction. By limiting the role of local jurisdictions, the bill creates an imbalance that risks undermining the trust and mutual respect that effective partnerships require. When local governments are shut out of meaningful discussions about projects that will shape their communities for decades, it becomes more difficult to build the public support and confidence necessary for those projects to succeed.

Anyone who has worked in local government knows that meaningful engagement is not always easy. It can be time-consuming, complicated, and at times messy. But it is always preferable to making decisions without the participation of the communities most affected by them. The process of working through differences strengthens projects, improves outcomes, and creates shared accountability among all parties involved.

Transit agencies and local governments serve the same residents. We may approach issues from different perspectives, but we share a common responsibility to the public. Legislation should encourage collaboration and problem-solving, not diminish the role of one partner in favor of another. The most successful transportation projects are those that are developed through cooperation, mutual respect, and a genuine commitment to working together.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora respectfully opposes SB 1361 and urges the Assembly Local Government Committee and Legislature to reject this measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

David Fredendall
Mayor

