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Members of the California Senate Rules Committee
Senate President Pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (Chair)
Senator Scott Wilk (Vice Chair)
Senator Patricia C. Bates
Senator Bill Monning
Senator Richard D. Roth
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate bill 50 (Wiener) OPPOSE

Honorable President Pro Tempore Atkins & Committee Members:

The Hollywood Dell Civic Association represents 1,100 residences in the Hollywood Hills. We are an active and eclectic community with a mixture of single family and multi-family dwellings, of both renters and homeowners.

The current version of SB 50 is of great concern to our community. It removes the ability of our residents to comment on proposed development that would impact our area. More important, it does not guarantee significant affordable housing, which everyone agrees is critically needed in California, and Hollywood is no exception. We have seen many recent changes in Hollywood, with a proliferation of development. Sadly, most of these projects are luxury living, and out of the reach of many regular working residents. In addition, the increased development has created very real impacts on traffic, public services and infrastructure to those who live and work in our area.

For the Hollywood Dell, a primary concern is fire danger. Our neighborhood, like most in the hills, has been designated a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. VHFHSZ areas require special consideration to mitigate ever-increasing fire risk and should be entirely exempt from the proposed bill.

In its current form, SB 50 does not address these issues. Ordinarily the environmental review process would allow these concerns to be considered, but SB 50 exempts eligible projects from those requirements.

The Hollywood Dell Civic Association strongly OPPOSES SB 50, and we urge you vote NO.

Thank You For Your Consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexa Iles Skarpelos

President
Hollywood Dell Civic Association