



July 6, 2021

Honorable Assemblymember Chris Holden
California State Assembly
VIA PORTAL

WPRA Opposition to SB 10

Dear Assemblymember Holden:

The West Pasadena Residents' Association **strongly opposes SB 10** as an excessive, misguided and fatally flawed attempt to pre-empt local determinations on land use.

SB 10 would require cities to approve construction of up to 10-unit market-rate residential buildings on almost any parcel of land, regardless of neighborhood context, inadequate infrastructure, overcrowding, environmental impacts or citizen concerns, on the arbitrary and dubious justification of being in "transit-rich" or "urban infill" areas. Most urban and suburban areas would fall under one of those criteria.

Further, SB 10 would negate a 108-year old constitutional provision prohibiting governmental bodies from acting contrary to a voter-approved initiative. This arbitrary pre-emption of democracy is completely unjustified and fraught with precedential dangers.

WPRA urges you to oppose this attempt to promote unacceptable and destructive concepts. WPRA understands and supports the critical need for additional affordable housing in California, but not through mass destruction of neighborhoods. There are better solutions than statewide, cookie-cutter giveaways to developers.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Beal".

Dan Beal
President, West Pasadena Residents Association
For the Board of Directors

The WPRA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in southwest Pasadena. We represent 7,000 households, including 1,000 paid members.