California State Senate

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## YES on SB 50 The MORE Homes Act

## **New Amendments Enhance Local Control**

Under the new provisions added to SB 50, all cities in California will now have two years after the bill is signed to develop a housing plan that works for their specific needs. Local governments will take the lead in creating housing plans that will make it easier for Californians to live near their jobs, transit, and amenities, while protecting renters and sensitive communities against displacement.



**How, not if:** Local flexibility will allow local governments to be flexible about how to build needed housing, not if they will allow needed housing.

A back-up plan: Instead of having a "one-size-fits-all" solution that applies to every city automatically, SB 50 will act like a contingency plan for cities that fail to make their own plans. Cities can tailor their plans to local needs and priorities, integrating community input.



**5 years & funds for sensitive communities:** Sensitive communities that are under-resourced and need to pair zoning reform with anti-displacement policy will not experience any zoning changes until 5 years after the bill is signed. Senator Wiener, California YIMBY and our allies will also work to ensure these communities receive state resources to support the planning process during the 5-year period.



**Meet or beat housing targets:** Local communities can initiate their own plans as an alternative to SB 50, as long as the plans will zone for the same or greater amount of housing as SB 50. These local plans must ensure they meet SB 50 standards regarding:

**Reduced "vehicle miles traveled":** Local plans must meet or beat SB 50 goals of reducing the need for car trips by locating housing near jobs, transit, and other amenities.



**Fair housing rules:** Cities crafting their own plans to comply with SB 50 may not disproportionately concentrate housing in low-income neighborhoods over high-income neighborhoods.

**Play by the rules:** Local plans must go through an approval process by the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure they meet statewide standards for overall housing, fair housing, and transportation.

**A powerful tool:** SB 50 will now give local governments a robust tool to efficiently zone for the increased housing many cities must plan for in order to meet existing statewide requirements under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.



**A strong incentive:** Only those cities that do not undertake and implement their own plans will be subjected to the "default" upzoning provisions in SB 50 -- which increase building height limits to 4-5 stories near rail; relax parking requirements; and remove density restrictions.