



# City of El Segundo

## Office of the Mayor

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Scott Mitnick,  
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### Department Directors:

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The Honorable Ben Allen  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Autumn Burke  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### RE: CITY OF EL SEGUNDO OPPOSES HOUSING BILLS THAT PREEMPT LOCAL REGULATORY CONTROLS

Dear Senator Allen and Assemblymember Burke:

The City of El Segundo understands that housing development is a priority, and the urgent need to address the shortage of housing and affordable housing in the State of California, but we have concerns with several bills as they are being proposed. Many of the listed housing, affordable housing and planning and zoning bills would exempt projects from local controls to appropriately plan, regulate, and provide infrastructure for housing in our community based on the community's needs and unique circumstances.

The City of El Segundo strongly urges you to oppose the following bills that have been introduced in the Senate and Assembly this year related to housing, affordable housing and planning and zoning that would potentially preempt local government regulatory controls:

- **SB 902** Planning and zoning: housing development density
- **SB 1085** Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower-income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints

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- **SB 1120** Subdivisions: tentative maps
- **SB 1138** Housing element: emergency shelters: rezoning of sites
- **AB 725** General Plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions
- **AB 1851** Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements
- **AB 1279** Planning and zoning: housing development: high-opportunity areas
- **AB 2168** Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging station: permit application: approval
- **AB 2345** Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing
- **AB 3040** Local planning: regional housing needs assessment
- **AB 3107** Planning and zoning: general plan: housing development

The residential area of El Segundo is entirely clustered within 1.5 square miles and bounded on three sides by LAX, the Pacific Ocean, and the Chevron refinery. With a population density of over 3,000 per square mile, several of the proposed bills would further increase density in an area that is already built-out at capacity.

El Segundo does not oppose higher density in residential areas where it makes sense but is opposed where it would be utterly detrimental to the quality of life for everyone. We believe there should be incentives for cities to find ways to improve housing opportunities that suit the particular local situation.

For these reasons, the City of El Segundo opposes all of the listed bills.

Sincerely,



Drew Boyles  
Mayor of El Segundo

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