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Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Impacts of SB 79 (Wiener)
CF: 25-1083

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy to **support Option C1** to facilitate local implementation of SB 79, with a key change: ***we strongly urge the City to exclude all HPOZs, regardless of when they were adopted.*** We commend City Planning staff and members of the PLUM Committee for taking swift action and for providing a viable local alternative that can be implemented before July 1, 2026.

Through the legislative process, the Conservancy opposed the Senate Bill 79 unless amended. Unfortunately, the bill's authors rejected good faith efforts by us and other preservationists to incorporate language that would have protected and planned for California's historic places. We are especially concerned about the 10% exemption cap on historic resources within any transit-oriented development zone and the lack of protections for California and National Register listed resources.

We expect that Senate Bill 79 will be amended within the coming years to address implementation confusion and we hope additional clarification on historic resources will be included as part of those efforts. However, the bill does expressly allow Los Angeles to delay effectuation in all of its designated HPOZs.



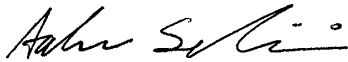
Based upon our analysis and community feedback from historic neighborhoods we serve, we believe Option C1 with an exclusion of all HPOZs is warranted. This more cautious approach better protects historic resources citywide, more evenly expands opportunities for compatible infill housing, and aligns with Los Angeles' broader planning efforts, including ongoing Community Plan Updates in the San Fernando Valley and Westside.

We thank you for considering our concerns.

About the Los Angeles Conservancy:

The Los Angeles Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with nearly 5,000 member households throughout the Los Angeles area. Established in 1978, the Conservancy works to preserve and revitalize the significant architectural and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County through advocacy and education.

Sincerely,



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