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Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
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RE: SB 330

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges you to vote against SB 330. Our Council has been involved with the City Planning Department for almost two decades. We have participated in devising our Local Community Plan and its overlays. Before Neighborhood Councils became a part of our City Charter, many of our members were in the forefront of the fight to require overlying zoning to conform to Government Code general plan provisions.

Although this measure purports to be about increasing affordable housing, it actually strips local authorities of virtually all of their planning and land decision making and benefits developers while not requiring that any associated cost savings be passed on to the renter or purchaser of a housing unit.

SB 330 would arbitrarily limit how cities address community growth impacts, impede local land use control and diminish the City's ability to gather community input by placing a cap on the number of public hearings. It would place unrealistic time limits on approval and limits the items that can be reviewed, which could minimize community input and result in many projects being approved without sufficient review. It also prohibits cities and counties from imposing parking requirements within one-quarter mile of transit, regardless of the number of units or the current parking conditions in that neighborhood, and limits the local entity's ability to charge impact fees.

The authority for planning and land use decisions must be kept at the local level where the uniqueness of the geography, traffic patterns, and other conditions are understood. The City of Los Angeles has undertaken a number of steps to increase affordable housing. We need to allow time for the current efforts to show results.

We understand that the Assemblywoman who has written this legislation has problems in Berkeley she wishes to address. Those solutions are not appropriate for San Pedro and may not be proper for many of the other 105 unique neighborhoods in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Regalado".

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On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council