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Senator Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3350
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 79 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Caballero,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our strong opposition to Senate Bill 79 (Wiener), which requires that a housing development project proposed within a specified distance of a transit-oriented development stop be an allowed use on any site zoned for residential, mixed, commercial, or light industrial development if the development complies with applicable requirements.

CCCA stands firmly against SB 79's policy framework, which outlines a state-mandated, by-right approval process for housing development. We have voiced our opposition to bills of this kind for many years, as we feel it is critical that cities play a lead role in the decision-making process for housing development projects in their communities. We urge the committee to vote NO on SB 79, a bill that gives transit agencies unchecked land use authority, and instead ask members to support collaborative housing solutions that consider cities' general plans as well as their local zoning and planning.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our opposition to SB 79.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee