



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 12, 2021

Via CA legislature submission letter portal

Hon. Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
Hon. Patricia Bates
Vice-Chair, Senate Housing Committee
Members of the Senate Housing Committee

Re: Senate Bill 15 (Portantino); hearing in Senate Housing Committee 3/18/21 -- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Wiener, Vice-Chair Bates and Members of the Senate Housing Committee:

Founded in 1973, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the voice of Pacific Palisades – a community of about 25,000 situated within the wildland-urban interface between the coast and the Santa Monica Mountains in the City of Los Angeles.

After public hearing and discussion on March 11, 2021, PPCC's Board unanimously passed a motion to support the following motion recommended to member councils by the Board of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – an alliance of all 14 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles:

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) recognizes the need for positive solutions to the state’s affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low-to-moderate income housing. Solutions should involve legislation that 1) focuses on increasing the production and supply of truly affordable housing; 2) does not compromise public safety or the environment; and 3) respects principles of democracy, local land use control and self-determination of local governments to expand housing opportunities unique to their jurisdictions.

“WRAC supports Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) and Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Wiener) as examples of positive legislation that forward the goal of achieving more affordable housing consistent with these principles.”¹

In previous communications with legislators about proposed housing density bills, PPCC has acknowledged: “we agree with the general goal of addressing the state’s affordable housing and climate challenges.” We support Senate Bill 15 as an example of positive legislation that addresses the state’s affordable challenge consistent with the principles cited above.

PPCC respectfully urges a vote of “Yes” on Senate Bill 15.

¹ This motion will become an official WRAC position if and when it is passed by a majority (8) of WRAC member councils. To date, 6 member councils (including PPCC) have passed the motion. <https://westsidecouncils.com/pending-motions/>.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David Card

David Card, Chair
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc:

Hon. Anthony J. Portantino (SD 25)

Hon. Ben Allen, Senator (SD 26)

Hon. Richard Bloom, Assemblymember (AD 50)

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