



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 11, 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 290 (Skinner); hearing in Senate Housing Committee 3/18/21 – OPPOSE unless amended

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. Protection and preservation of the unique character and physical environment of the Palisades are at the core of PPCC's founding mission and are paramount to our community.

Senate Bill 290 only recently came to our attention; we have therefore had limited time to review and analyze the bill prior to the March 12th deadline for submission of position letters. While our review is ongoing, PPCC strongly opposes all provisions of the bill that would “remove the specified adverse impact on the physical environment from the list of reasons for which a city or county is authorized to refuse a concession, an incentive, or a waiver or reduction of a development standard.” (Legislative Council Digest)

We object to this “one-size-fits-all” approach, imposed by the state, which would completely remove from local governments the ability to assess and make determinations as to whether their *own local physical environment* would be adversely impacted and whether a concession, an incentive, or a waiver or reduction of a development standard should be refused.

At this time, PPCC respectfully urges a vote of “No” on Senate Bill 290 unless amended to remove the above-referenced provisions. PPCC reserves the right to comment further on Senate Bill 290 if the bill progresses in the legislature (with or without amendments).

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council

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