

VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Serving the Valley Village Community located in the City of Los Angeles, bounded by Burbank Blvd., on the North, Ventura Fwy. on the South, Tujunga Wash on the West and the Hollywood Fwy. on the East.



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Senator Robert Hertzberg
Senate District 18
State Capitol, Room 313
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Subject: Valley Village Homeowners Association Opposes SB 9

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

There is a rumor that Senate Pro Tem President Toni Atkins and Senate leadership is preparing to suspend the Constitution (specifically Article IV, Section 8 (a)) to allow bills to be amended and heard in committee before the 30-day-in-print rule. Please say it isn't so. Obviously, VVRA is strongly opposed to any actions that limit public input. We hope that you will oppose suspending the constitution in an effort to fast track legislation that the public has meaningful input to contribute.

SB9

Is there really no way to solve California's affordable housing crisis without destroying single-family neighborhoods?

As you know SB 9 does little to provide much needed affordable housing. Instead it undermines local authority and quality of life:

- Exempts environmental reviews as required by CEQA
- Eliminates public hearings by the Planning Department - as well as public notice.
- It requires no investment in infrastructure to support the added housing.
- It will allow 4 units, 6 units or 8 units where 1 home stands now.
- It will demolish older more affordable housing and replace it with market rate housing.
- Requiring only 4' setbacks will end up eliminating our yards, trees and green buffers.

Let's face it – very few, if any stakeholders, in Los Angeles are asking for these types of bills. Stakeholders agree that we need **affordable housing as soon as possible**. However, many legislators continue to pursue legislation that creates more market rate housing and does little to address affordable housing. The theory that market rate housing will eventually lead to more supply, and therefore lessen the demand, has been repeatedly demonstrated to fail.

Best,

Beth Fulton
On behalf of VVHA membership