

# VALLEY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Senator Robert Hertzberg  
Senate District 18  
State Capitol, Room 313  
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Subject: Valley Village Residents Association Opposes SB 9 & 10  
Valley Village Residents Association Supports SB15

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.

## SB 10

- Exempts environmental reviews as required by CEQA.
- Allows City Council to override voter approved initiatives, such as Los Angeles' Prop U that was passed in 1986

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.

Yes to SB15

VVRA Supports SB 15, which gives cities grants for rezoning idled shopping sites, and SCA 2 which would repeal Article 34 of the State Constitution which prohibits cities/counties from building/buying low-rent housing projects unless approved in an election.

Best,

Beth Fulton

On behalf of VVRA membership