

Californians Rally Statewide to Oppose SB 79 (Wiener): Housing Must Be Safe, Affordable, and Locally Accountable

San Francisco: On Saturday, August 23, residents across California will rally to protest [Senate Bill 79](#) (Wiener), a sweeping statewide housing bill that dramatically expands developer rights while ignoring safety, affordability, and local realities.

Join Us for San Francisco Rally

This Saturday, August 23 at 11 a.m.
Steps of City Hall

Speakers:

Aaron Peskin - former President, Board of Supervisors
Lori Brooke - Neighborhoods United SF
Stephen Torres - Neighborhood Activist
Christin Evans - Small Business Forward
Peter Stevens - Affordable Housing Developer
Among others

In San Francisco, opponents warn SB 79 could open the door to 7- to 15- story towers across 95% of the city, permanently reshaping neighborhoods with no guarantees of affordability, safety, or infrastructure.

SB 79 ignores San Francisco's earthquake vulnerability, narrow streets, and aging infrastructure. Without necessary upgrades, density increases pose serious safety hazards.

SB 79 allows developers to build large-scale, high-density projects based solely on proximity to transit stops—**even proposed, not-yet-built ones**. It has already passed the State Senate and now faces a vote in the Assembly.

San Francisco is Not Exempt

To secure votes, Senator Wiener is dangling a so-called “conditional exemption” for cities with housing elements as extreme as SB 79. For San Francisco, this is not relief — it is a trap.

The north and west sides already face Mayor Lurie's [aggressive upzoning maps](#), which satisfy Senator Wiener for now. Meanwhile, residents of the Mission, Bernal Heights,

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Potrero, and other eastern neighborhoods were promised relief from further upzoning after years of major changes. Historic neighborhoods like Chinatown and North Beach are in the path of 79 too.

SB 79 breaks that promise subjecting these communities to further upzoning that drive demolitions, displacement, the loss of small businesses, and make neighborhoods even less affordable.

Residents call this a betrayal of public trust — broken promises that divide the city while handing Senator Wiener, and his YIMBY lobbyist, exactly what they want.

RALLY INFORMATION
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

San Francisco

11:00 a.m.

Steps of City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., San Francisco 94102

Los Angeles

10:00 a.m.

Pacific Palisades Village Green, 15280 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90272

San Fernando Valley

9:00 a.m.

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Sunland Park, 8651 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040

San Diego

10:00 a.m.

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North Clairemont Rec Center, 4421 Bannock Ave., San Diego 92117

Marin County

10:00 a.m.

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Larkspur Ferry Terminal Free Speech Area, 101 E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Larkspur, CA 94939

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