



June 25, 2021

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 10 (Wiener) – Local Control for Increased Housing Density, as amended
June 24, 2021 – Support**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association, I am writing to inform you that the organization continues to support SB 10, your bill that would allow local governments to adopt ordinances to rezone properties in transit-rich areas and urban infill sites for up to ten units per parcel.

California continues to experience an enormous housing crisis, which has only worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The lack of affordable housing has contributed to mass migration out of the state, and individuals who remain are often unable to find housing close to their jobs. Unfortunately, state and local laws make it extremely difficult for local governments to rezone quickly – even limited efforts to rezone are often mired in expensive, decades-long legal appeals and litigation.

SB 10 will allow a legislative body to pass an ordinance and any subsequent zoning resolution, until January 1, 2029, to adopt the rezoning plan that is exempt from being considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. We believe SB 10 will be an effective tool for local governments to use, creating much needed housing in our local communities.

The California Apartment Association is the largest statewide rental housing trade association in the country, representing over 50,000 single family and multi-family apartment owners and property managers who are responsible for over 2 million affordable and market rental units throughout the State of California. Thank you for your work on this important measure.

Sincerely,

CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

By
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cc: Assembly Local Government Committee