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Council Member Weinberg writes that the Council should withdraw its letter of opposing SB 9 unless amended, but this law remains flawed legislation and the Council should reject this recommendation and continue to oppose SB 9. Even if it has only a modest impact on the supply of housing it will not require any of them to be affordable. In fact, SB9 will increase the cost of houses by millions, and have very serious consequences for residents and potential residents, their neighborhoods and their pocketbooks.

For example, the additional residences allowed by SB9 will have a negative effect on our existing infrastructure. Where and how will we be able to provide the necessary new sewer, water, road repairs, schools and parks? How many additional vehicles will be parked on residential streets?

SB 9 is bad law and should be defeated. The state has no business micro-managing a city's zoning rules. Do not support it.

Bill Hough  
Los Altos

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Dear Mayor Fligor and City Council Members,

I urge the Council to send the letters presented by Councilmember Weinberg supporting SB 9 and AB 1401.

SB 9 would encourage gentle density increase in Los Altos' single family neighborhoods. With our upcoming need to meet our 6th Cycle RHNA, and our need, as part of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, to spread our housing throughout the city, a few more houses here and there would help.

I'll correct a minor error in the legislation description. It is incorrect that, "City may apply objective development standards unless they preclude the development. The development standards must allow each unit to be at least 800 square feet. – Required side and rear setbacks cannot be greater than 4 feet."

Rather, the city would not be able to apply objective development standards that precluded two units, each of 800 square ft, on the parcel. But if our development standards allowed two 800 square ft units, which of course they would because you would enact ordinances to make sure they did, then the applicant would have to follow those standards. The four foot setbacks only apply in the case that the city's development standards preclude two 800 square foot homes, which, again, would never happen in Los Altos. You, being wise stewards, would ensure that the city was protected, by enacting ordinances that allowed exactly what the state law required.

AB 1401 would eliminate minimum parking requirements for residential or commercial developments within half a mile of transit. This would apply to no or almost no developments in Los Altos, but in other areas of the state, it would promote the building of desperately needed housing by making it cheaper to build.

I am surprised that the Council is continuing to spend time on potential California legislation. While I certainly can't criticize anyone for delving into the minutiae of proposed legislation, there are other important issues, such as housing impact fees, review of the inclusionary zoning ordinance, and consideration of reworking Loyola Corners now that the city owns the little triangle in the middle of it, that could merit the Council's valuable time and attention.

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-- Anne Paulson

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Another attempt at sharing the relevant image.



On Wed, Jun 16, 2021 at 8:15 PM Salim Damerdji <[sdamerdji1@gmail.com](mailto:sdamerdji1@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Mayor Fligor and Council Members,

I write to ask the council to support SB 9.

In 97.8% of residential areas in Los Altos, it's legal to build the luxury mansion on the left, but it's illegal to build the smaller, modest plexes on the right.

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If this isn't class-based discrimination, I don't know what is. SB 9 corrects this exclusionary zoning by giving Los Altans the choice to live in smaller, more modest homes if they so choose.

Thank you,  
Salim Damerdji

Postscript:

The modest, more humble homes on the right were built before they were made illegal by single family zoning in Los Altos; in fact, they were built on San Luis Ave in 1939, more than a decade before Los Altos was incorporated as a city.

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Dear Mayor and Council Members

I hope that you will oppose SB9. I am in favor of affordable housing, however this bill does not achieve that goal and is a badly flawed attempt to address the housing issues,

I remember when Mayor Fligor was sworn into the City Council, she said she would represent the people who voted for her and those who did not. I have heard from many residents in the community that oppose SB9 and hope you will respect their opinion with an opposing vote to SB9

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County opposes SB9 which would allow splitting of single-family lots into two. It would reduce side and rear setbacks to only four feet. It would put a terrible strain on our infrastructure such as roads and sewers. We are getting warnings from the electric company about rolling blackouts and the inability of the power grid to handle additional demand.

Please represent us, the tax paying residents of Los Altos.

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Dear Mayor Fligor and City Council Members,

I urge the Council to send the letters presented by Council member Weinberg supporting SB 9 and AB 1401.

We need more housing options in our town. We need to provide options for young families, for our teachers, our police, our city staff, our firefighters, our nurses, our home health aides, and the variety of service workers who make our town such a wonderful place to live. Stop fighting the state and focus on what we can do NOW to make our community welcoming and more diverse.

I've lived in Los Altos for almost 29 years. I remember how excited one of my children's teachers was when she was able to purchase one of the lower-income condo units built as part of a project on Et Camino. She had been living in an illegal garage studio apartment so she wouldn't have to commute. It's terrible that people who work so hard for our community have to live in substandard conditions when they want to live near their work.

Let's create a community where we welcome and provide homes for the variety of people who work here. Let's create a community that provides a home for critical service people who will need to help us recover from a major emergency so they can easily get to work and start solving problems should the need arise. Be a City Council that cares about having a healthy and vibrant mix of people in our town.

Thank you,  
Sharon Fingold