Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

(your name or group)\_strongly opposes AB 2580. This bill, by requiring local governments to report annually housing permits issued in Historic Districts, perpetuates a misconception that these districts hinder housing production.

Historic Districts in our community are racially and economically diverse and provide essential affordable housing through the adaptive reuse of historic buildings. They occupy a minimal footprint but contribute significantly to our city’s housing needs, especially for low-income tenants.

Local jurisdictions should retain autonomy over their land use. Mandates like AB 2580 undermine this control and unnecessarily target Historic Districts for development, potentially eroding their unique character.

Local governments should be empowered to address the state’s housing mandates through their own zoning regulations, reflecting community priorities and preserving cultural heritage.

We urge you to oppose AB 2580 and support policies that do not needlessly burden cities currently in compliance with state housing mandates.

Thank you,