March 5, 2019

Senator Scott Wiener
Senate District 11
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 50 (Support)

Senator Wiener,

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to promote excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 50, the More HOMES Act. Circulate supports the More HOMES Act because it creates more housing options for San Diegans to walk, bike, or take transit to work or school.

The More HOMES is a climate solution. The California Air Resources Board suggests that we cannot meet our climate goals as a state without decreasing the total number of vehicle miles traveled, a goal we will not meet without housing infill policies. Climate pollutants from vehicles most harm low-income Californians, and getting people to walk or take transit to work will reduce pollutants coming from cars.

The More HOMES Act also builds a fairer California, one that is more empowering to its residents. By overriding restrictive zoning in segregated areas, the More HOMES could help reverse the ongoing trend of segregation in California. It gives more families access to good schools and healthy air.

The More HOMES Act will help ensure Californians have access to affordable, walkable and transit-oriented housing -- an urgent priority for our growing population of younger and working Californians.

For these reasons, Circulate San Diego is please to support the More HOMES Act. We’re committed to working with you, the state legislature, and Governor Newsom to empower Californians with greater housing choice, more economic security, and the ability to keep California’s families together. We thank you for raising the essential issues the More HOMES Act addresses and will advocate strongly for it.

Sincerely,

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