



August 9, 2026

To: Speaker Rivas and California State Assembly Members

Re: SB-677 Housing financing: joint powers agreements: bond approvals: subdivisions: tentative and final maps: appeals. **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Assembly Members:

As evidenced by its lengthy title, this bill contains multiple independent topics. Neighbors For A Better San Diego is supportive of the sections of the bill directed at housing financing, joint powers agreements, and bond approvals. However, we are opposed to Section 5 of the bill and request that it be stricken.

Section 5 of the bill purports to solve a problem that a large number of affordable housing developments are losing funding because of frivolous lawsuits over subdivision maps, but not a single case is provided in evidence of this problem.

The Legislature should restrict itself to solving demonstrated problems, not hypothetical ones.

This bill is also part of a troubling pattern in this year's legislative session to restrict the right of citizens, either directly, through their local elected officials, or through the courts, to raise legitimate questions about the assumptions of state land use legislation and the constitutional overreach of Housing and Community Development in expanding the interpretation of new laws beyond their clear written language.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey Hueter".

Geoffrey Hueter, Chair
Neighbors For A Better San Diego