

MISSION STREET NEIGHBORS / 2940 16TH STREET / SF CA 94103

June 24, 2024

Subject: Oppose SB 7 (Blackespear)

Dear California Assemblymembers:

Re: Mission Street Neighbors oppose SB 7 that strips more of our rights to freedoms, notice, and access to the courts to appeal state decisions. We oppose the continued reduction community jurisdictions and the removal of citizens' state constitutional rights. These are undemocratic bills designed to strip power from the people and are highly alarming at this time when voters are losing faith in the government. These power grabbing maneuvers are not worthy of Democratic Party leadership.

HCD is doing an end run around the audit and any flaws it might uncover; the new language of SB 7 bolsters their powers for the 7th cycle RHNA, while their 6th cycle RHNA numbers are under scrutiny. You must allow the audit to conclude prior to writing more bills that remove the few guardrails on HCD remain. The only recourse citizens have, is to vote you out of office if you continue along this path.

Please do the right thing and VOTE NO on SB 7 and all other bills that strip away the public rights written into the state constitution. Do not amend the state constitution without voter approval at the ballot box. The State and large corporate entities should have no more rights than its citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ME' in a stylized, cursive font.

Mari Eliza, Secretary Mission Street Neighbors