



September 1, 2022

**VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2097 (Friedman) – Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements – REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on AB 2097**, which would prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on a residential, commercial, or other development that is undergoing renovation if the development is located on a parcel that is close to public transit. The bill exempts certain low-income projects and projects in which added parking would have a negative impact on existing parking located nearby. At the same time the bill carves out exceptions that are designed to encourage developers to install building infrastructure that will support electric vehicles and ride-sharing options.

The League supports actions and policies designed to reduce pollution and lower housing costs. In addition to lowering the cost of development, this bill incentivizes the residents of buildings near transit to abandon car ownership in favor of more climate-friendly transit options.

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**The League of Women Voters of California urges you to sign AB 2097 (Friedman) to accomplish an important step toward an efficient, state-wide effort to reduce pollution and lower housing costs. Thank you.**

Sincerely,



Carol Moon Goldberg

President