

September 3, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor  
State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 9581

**RE: AB 98 (Carrillo)— Request for Veto**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 1,400 member businesses, I write to respectfully request that you VETO AB 98 (Carrillo). This bill would usurp critical decision-making authority from local governments by imposing statewide mandates on where warehouses can be located and how they must operate.

The bill includes stringent buffer zone requirements (300 to 500 feet from sensitive receptors coupled with 50-to-100-foot landscaping setbacks) and mandatory truck route provisions, which severely limit the availability of land suitable for logistics use, even in areas already zoned for industrial purposes. In densely populated regions like the Inland Empire, these restrictions could make it nearly impossible to find viable sites for new or expanding logistics facilities.

AB 98 strips local governments of the flexibility to balance economic development with environmental and community health concerns based on their unique needs. By overriding local control, the bill undermines the ability of communities to effectively manage growth and development, leading to unintended consequences that could stifle local economies.

Another significant issue with this bill is the absence of a sunset clause. Given California's rapid shift towards all-electric vehicles and evolving environmental regulations, including the electrification of mobile sources, a sunset clause is crucial for ensuring the legislation remains relevant and effective. It allows for periodic reassessment and adaptation based on technological advancements, economic impacts, and new environmental data. Without a sunset clause, these restrictive regulations could become outdated, stifling innovation and imposing unnecessary burdens on California businesses long into the future. As an advocate for businesses across the Los Angeles region, the L.A. Area Chamber cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to VETO AB 98. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Esabella Rojas at [erojas@lachamber.com](mailto:erojas@lachamber.com).

Sincerely,



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