



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 890 without my signature.

This bill would require California Environmental Quality Act approval of certain land use decisions that currently are exempt from the Act because a qualified voter initiative on the subject has either been approved by a local governing board or by the voters.

Instead of the piecemeal approach taken in this bill, I prefer a more comprehensive CEQA review, which takes into account both the urgent need for more housing and thoughtful environmental analysis. I hope to work with the author who has shown a steadfast commitment to protecting vulnerable communities from being disproportionately burdened by environmental harms.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.