

September 17, 2019

Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 127: Complete Streets for Active Living Bill

Dear Governor Newsom:

We respectfully urge you to sign SB 127 (Weiner) and help Californians live healthy, active lives regardless of who owns the streets in their neighborhood.

Through research, education and advocacy, SPUR promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area. We bring people together from across the political spectrum to develop solutions to the big problems that cities face. With offices in San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland, we are recognized as a leading civic planning organization and respected for our independent and holistic approach on infrastructure and urban issues.

We write in support of SB 127 which requires Caltrans to consider bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements when it repairs or repaves state routes that serve as local streets. This bill ensures that state roads that run through local communities — roads people use to get to school, work, parks and shop— are safe, comfortable and attractive for people of all ages and abilities who bike, walk and take transit. Just because these roads happen to be owned by the state, does not mean their design should not account for the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders.

We need to be doing everything we can to make it easier and more attractive for people to walk, bike and take transit. SB 127 will fix state highways and ensure they accommodate all users, with great benefit to our communities, health and local economy.

Sincerely,



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