



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 22 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2910 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the City of Los Angeles to adopt alternative building regulations for converting commercial buildings to residential use, subject to local zoning and public safety requirements, and requires the City to submit these regulations for state approval.

While I recognize the importance of facilitating adaptive reuse projects, this bill overlaps with ongoing state efforts recently established with the enactment of Assembly Bill 529 (Gabriel, 2023). This law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to convene a working group to identify and recommend amendments to state building standards for converting commercial buildings into housing by December 31, 2025. With these existing efforts still being implemented, this bill would result in unnecessary duplication and added complexity.

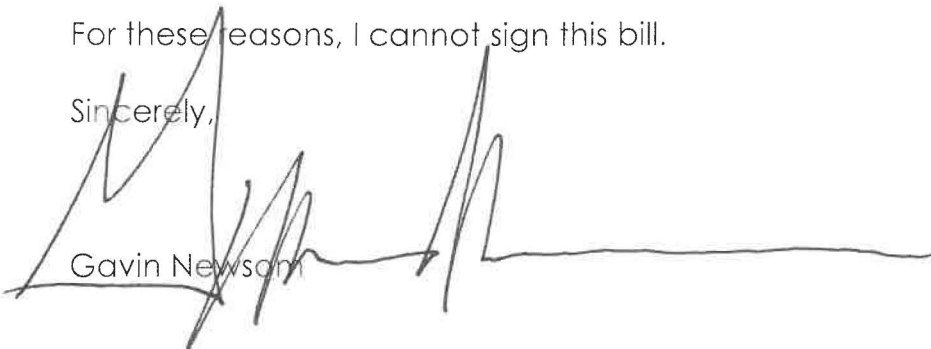
Additionally, the Building Standards Commission does not have the resources or capacity to conduct the comprehensive reviews of local ordinances required by this bill, which would result in General Fund costs not accounted for in the 2024 Budget.



For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and extends horizontally across the page.