

Dear Community Partner,

Sacramento Investment Without Displacement (SIWD) is a coalition of social justice organizations, neighborhood associations, labor groups, residents, and community partners organized to support building healthy communities and affordable housing, preserving cultural traditions, and the stability of neighborhoods impacted by big developments.

Our request to you is for you and your organization:

1. **Sign on to our letter via this link to our Google Form:** <https://forms.gle/eZ1Cxvu2h1TiJPAr6>
2. **Submit your own letter by downloading the template provided:** <https://bit.ly/3AQ4Jwb>
 - a. **You can send a copy to us to send on your behalf or follow the instructions on page 2 to send it in directly.**

SIWD has been working with the City of Sacramento for over two years to draft a **citywide** Community Benefits Agreement Ordinance (CBAO) to address the negative impacts of large developments on diverse communities going forward.

Since 2022, SIWD and the City have met weekly in an attempt to come to a compromise in developing the ordinance. However, we disagree on some major components included and not included in the City's draft of the CBAO which was presented on April 18th. **The Law & Legislation Committee will review the FINAL AND PROPOSED ordinance language at a not yet determined date. Please note as of 5/8/2023 the CBAO has been REMOVED from the 1pm May 16th Law and Legislation Meeting.** Quick action is still necessary as we do not know when this will make it back on the agenda, and for which meeting. We want amendments to be made to the City's ordinance before it comes before the full City Council.

SIWD's requested amendments include:

SIWD	Issue	City
Community Voice and Negotiation Power		
The community needs to have a direct role in the CBA negotiation process along with the City and the project sponsor, not just limited to an input and feedback role in the process.		The City's current proposal lacks the participation of the local community at the negotiating table. Residents represent the people most threatened by the impact of large developments in their communities.
Public Investment		
SIWD identifies public investment as land, real property, money, or zoning changes provided to a developer for a project. We want projects receiving these benefits with a combined total of \$3 million to initiate the CBA process.		The City of Sacramento does not identify these investments in combination with initiating a CBA. For-profit projects with a minimum of \$10 million in city investment will initiate the CBA process.
Minimum Benefits to the Community		
SIWD wants specific minimum benefits in critical areas of anti-displacement, housing, transportation, workforce development, and small/local business protections identified in the CBA Ordinance.		The City of Sacramento is avoiding identifying specific benefits to the communities that will be impacted by large developments, giving developers maximum flexibility and little accountability.

The letter supporting SIWD's amendments will be forwarded to the Sacramento City Council, Mayor Steinberg and City Manager Chan.

We have also [attached a template support letter](#) if you prefer to add your own comments. Remember, time is of the essence as the Law & Legislation Committee will review the **FINAL AND PROPOSED** ordinance language at their **1pm May 16th meeting**.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please email your letter to:

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We also invite you to make public comments to the Law & Legislation Committee during the meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 1:00pm. You can find information on how to watch and comment via the City Clerk's webpage here: **[Not Yet Available – will be updated at a later time]**.

Thank you for your commitment economic justice. If your organization would like to become a full member of Sacramento Investment Without Displacement, you can find more information and application instructions via our website here: <https://siwd.org/documents>

Sincerely,

The SIWD Coalition Partners

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