RESOLUTION NO. 125-20

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL RELATING TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES

WHEREAS, each year, the legislature of the State of California (the "State") proposes and passes a number of bills addressing zoning, land use, and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, such legislation impacts local land use patterns before determining if prior nascent legislation has been successful in remedying housing issues, hence heaping one unintended consequence on another; and

WHEREAS, increasingly many of these laws infringe upon the authority of local jurisdictions (granted under Article 11, section 7 of the California Constitution) to determine for themselves the land use and housing policies and practices that best suit each city and its residents, and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which development projects require review beyond a ministerial approval; what parking requirements are appropriate for various neighborhoods within their jurisdiction; what plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community rather than having these decisions imposed upon cities without regard to the circumstances of each individual city; and what zoning should be allowed for residential properties is a matter of great concern to the City of El Cajon (the "City") among other items related to local control over zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council feels strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community and objects to the proliferation of State legislation that deprives us of that ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City is opposed to the current practice of the legislature of the State of continually proposing and passing multitudes of bills that directly impact and interfere with the ability of cities to control their own destiny through use of the zoning authority that has been granted to them.
- Section 2. The City will continue to explore various ways to protect its ability to retain local control over zoning as each individual city within the State is best suited to determine how the zoning in their city should be used in order to meet the housing needs of the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Cajon, California, at a Regular Joint City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Meeting held this 8th day of December 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES

Goble, Kendrick, Metschel, Ortiz, Wells

NOES ABSENT None

DISQUALIFY:

None None

BILL WELLS

Mayor of the City of El Cajon

ATTEST:

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC

City Clerk

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and true copy of Resolution No. 125-20 of the Resolutions of the City of El Cajon, California, as adopted by the City Council at the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency on the 8th day of December 2020.

Angela L. Cortez, CMC, City Clerk

12/08/20 CC Agenda

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