

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 27**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL AS RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES**

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of California each year proposes, passes, and has signed into law a number of bills addressing a range of housing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of California does not allow sufficient time between each legislative cycle to determine if the legislation is successful in bringing about the change for the State of California's housing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit each city and its residents and instead impose mandates that do not consider the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves appropriate land uses which uphold the Town's desire to maintain the existing character and fabric of the community as predominantly low-density, single family residential, which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval; what plans and programs are suitable and practical for this 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 single family residential properties is a matter of great importance to the Town of Atherton among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the Town of Atherton 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**, the City Council of the Town of Atherton resolves as follows:

- **Section 1.** The Town of Atherton is opposed to the current practice of the legislature of the State of California 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 Town of Atherton will explore various ways to protect the ability of cities to retain local control over zoning as each individual city within the State of California is best suited to determine how the zoning in their city should be allocated in order to meet the housing needs of the community.

- **Section 3.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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*I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the Town of Atherton at a Study Session thereof held on this 4th day of November, 2020, by the following vote:*

AYES: 5	Council Members: Wiest, Widmer, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia
NOES:	Council Members:
ABSENT:	Council Members:
ABSTAIN:	Council Members:



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Rick DeGolia, MAYOR

TOWN OF ATHERTON

ATTEST:



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Anthony Suber, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Mona G. Ebrahimi, City Attorney