

RESOLUTION NO. 6346

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS BANOS 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 take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which 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 import to the City of Los Banos among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Los Banos 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, the Council of the City of Los Banos resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Los Banos 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 City of Los Banos 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. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolution of the Council of this City.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Banos held on the 7th day of April 2021, by City Council Member Lewis, who moved its adoption, which motion was duly seconded by City Council Member Jones, and the Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Council Members Jones, Lambert, Lewis, LLamas, Mayor Faria
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

APPROVED:


Manuel Thomas Faria III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucille L. Mallonee, City Clerk