

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HOUSING LEGISLATION AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY AND CONTROL

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, ORDER AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California, has proposed a number of bills addressing a range of housing issues; and

WHEREAS, many of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit their cities and residents and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and unique characteristics of jurisdictions throughout the State, as well as impose unfunded mandates on jurisdictions for actions that are not in their best interest and for which resources are not available; and

WHEREAS, the ability of cities to determine for themselves which projects require more than ministerial approval, what parking requirements are appropriate for projects in their cities, and what plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community are matters of great importance to the City of Lomita, and it strongly believes each city is the best and most responsive authority to deal with the local nuances these decisions involve and imposing a one-size-fits-all state solution negatively impacts our City.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lomita 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 Lomita as follows:

Section 1. The City of Lomita is strongly opposed to State legislation that usurps local control, particularly when it also imposes unfunded mandates.

Section 2. The City of Lomita is also strongly opposed to the current practice of the State legislature proposing and passing a multitude of bills that directly attack the zoning authority of cities; an area that has long been reserved to cities as they are best able to address local impacts of projects, development and city planning in their cities such as:

- AB 831 (Grayson) Planning and zoning: housing: development application modifications
- AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing
- AB 2405 (Burke) Right to safe, decent, and affordable housing
- SB 995 (Atkins) Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects
- SB 1085 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints
- SB 1120 (Atkins) Subdivisions; tentative maps


- SB 1138 (Wiener) Housing Element: emergency shelters: rezoning of sites and others included in the recent package of housing related bills

Section 3. The City of Lomita declares that, should the State continue to pass legislation that attacks local municipal authority, control and revenue, the City of Lomita will have no choice but to support actions that prevent the proliferation of these measures including, but not limited to, a ballot measure that would limit the State legislature's ability to control local activities.


Section 4: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 5: The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 2020.


James Gazeley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kathleen Horn Gregory, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney



STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF LOMITA)

I, **Kathleen Horn Gregory**, City Clerk of the City of Lomita, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-32 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lomita at its regular meeting held on September 1, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

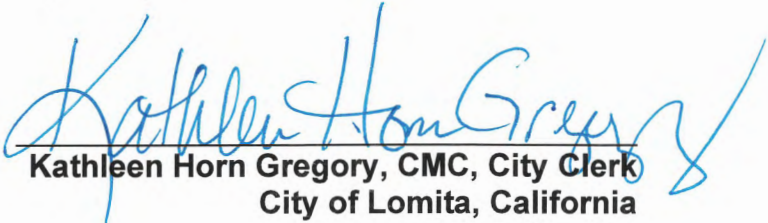
AYES: Council Members: Sanchez, Savidan, Segawa, Mayor Gazeley and Mayor Pro Tem Waronek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Lomita, California this 1st day of September 2020.


Kathleen Horn Gregory, CMC, City Clerk
City of Lomita, California