

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST 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 importance to the City of Ridgecrest among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest 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 Ridgecrest as follows:

Section 1. The City of Ridgecrest 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 Ridgecrest 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.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Bruen, Blades, Rajaratnam, Hayman, Breeden  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
Eric A. Bruen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ricca Charlton, City Clerk