RESOLUTION NO. 20-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA, 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 legislatively-desired change to the State of California's housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine 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 statewide mandates 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 Buellton among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Buellton 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 Buellton resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Buellton is opposed to the current practice of the legislature of the State of California characterized by the continuous proposing and adoption of 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 is one of the fundamental powers of local jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. The City of Buellton 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.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2020.

Holly Luna Holly Sierra Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Reid City Clerk

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I, Linda Reid, City Clerk of the City of Buellton, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-27 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Buellton at the regular meeting held on the 8th day of October 2020 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:5Council Members Andrisek, King, Sanchez, Vice Mayor Mercado, and
Mayor SierraNOES:0ABSENT:0ABSTAIN:0

Linda Reid City Clerk