RESOLUTION NO. 2020-66

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

WHEREAS, the legislation of the State of California has proposed a number of bills addressing a range of 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 their cities and residents and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State, as well as imposing unfunded mandates on jurisdictions for actions that are not in their best interests; and

WHEREAS, for example, the ability of jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval, what parking requirements are appropriate for various locales 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 is a matter of great import to the City of Brawley; and

WHEREAS, these legislative actions leverage a "one size fits all" approach that does not take into account local community considerations and inhibits comprehensive planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brawley 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; and

NOW, THERFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFRONIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

- That the City Council registers its equally strong opposition to the current practice of the State legislation of 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; and
- 2. That the City Council declares that, should the State continue to pass legislation that attacks local municipal authority, control, and revenue the City of Brawley will support actions as a ballot measure that would limit the State's ability to control local activities and strengthen local democracy and authority.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Brawley City Council held on September 22, 2020.

CITY OF BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA

Norma Kastner Jeuregui, Major

ATTEST:

Alma Benavides, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL CITY OF BRAWLEY

I, ALMA BENAVIDES, City Clerk of the City of Brawley, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-66 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Brawley, California, at a special meeting held on the 22th day of September 2020, and that it was so adopted by the following roll call vote: m/s/c Couchman/Hamby

AYES: Couchman, Hamby, Kastner-Jauregui, Nava, Wharton

NAYES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

DATED: September 22, 2020

Alma Benavides, City Clerk