

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES  
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 Needles among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

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

Section 1. The City of Needles 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 Needles 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. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 10th day of November 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Gudmundson, Terral, Evans, Paget, Belt and Longacre

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
John O. Pinkney, City Attorney

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk Dale Jones

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**Mission Statement**  
**California Cities FOR Local Control**  
**Volunteer Organization**

Our mission is to spread awareness and enlist support to ensure that Cities can continue to manage their own land use and zoning issues. We must not allow the State Legislature to mandate changes to our Cities that will remove local control and be detrimental to our communities.

We do this by reaching out to California City Elected Officials to educate and enlist them to our cause. Our activities include, but are not limited to, signing onto petitions, having Cities pass resolutions in support of our efforts, and seeking out allies for possible legal action against the State and/or to promote efforts for a ballot initiative to legislate the desired results.

With this alliance of City Elected Officials working together as one, we stand a better chance of having our message resonate loud and clear to all groups that proclaim to support us.

**WE WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS LOSS OF LOCAL CONTROL AND UNFUNDED MANDATES** being imposed upon us by our State.