

RESOLUTION NO. 21-56

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA,
CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR LOCAL
CONTROL'S ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL CONTROL AS IT
RELATES 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 consider the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California has circumvented existing statutes and procedures, including the California Environmental Quality Act, for the purpose of executing their current legislative platform; 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 practicable 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 Santa Clarita among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clarita currently has policies and standards in place regarding proposed residential developments related to trails, open space, parks, parking, public utilities, design standards, zoning, and overall application review; and

WHEREAS, among these policies includes an extensive review process, including public hearings, administrative review, and an opportunity for appeal. Furthermore, this review process maintains that residential projects and subdivision proposals are based on unique community circumstances and needs, ensuring that a proposed site has adequate public access to services and resources to sustain greater density; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita 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 Santa Clarita, California, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Santa Clarita 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 Santa Clarita 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 12th day of October 2021.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

DATE: 10/15/21

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA)

I, Mary Cusick, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 21-56 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 12th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: McLean, Smyth, Gibbs, Weste, Miranda

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None


CITY CLERK