

## RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL AS RELATED TO LOCAL ZONING AND HOUSING ISSUES AND EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO SB 9 (HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: APPROVALS)

### RECITALS

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. 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 Whittier among other items related to local zoning and housing issues.
- E. The City Council of the City of Whittier 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.
- F. SB 9 (housing development: approvals) in its current draft can detrimentally affect the character and fabric of the single-family neighborhoods in the City of Whittier through its requirements to ministerially approve housing developments containing two residential units in single-family residential zones and parcel maps for urban lot splits.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER DOES RESOLVE AS  
FOLLOWS:

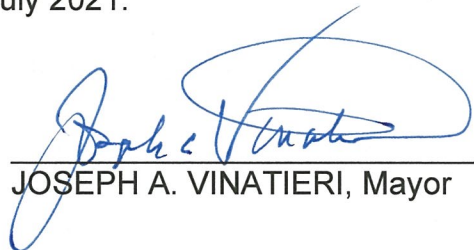
SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are a substantial part of this resolution.

SECTION 2. The City of Whittier 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 3. The City of Whittier 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 4. The City Clerk shall certify to passage and adoption thereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

  
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JOSEPH A. VINATIERI, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk  
(seal)

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-53 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier at the regular meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:	4	Council Members:	Vinatieri, Warner, Martinez, Dutra
NOES:	1	Council Members:	Bouchot
ABSTAIN:	0		
ABSENT:	0		

  
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RIGOBERTO GARCIA JR., City Clerk  
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