

City of Colfax

City Council

Resolution № 15-2021

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR LOCAL CONTROL AND ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL 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 substantial number of bills addressing a range of housing issues; and,

WHEREAS, consequently, jurisdictions throughout California must divert significant staffing and financial resources every year to amendments to processes and regulations, which sometimes involve multiple conflicting or ambiguous bills affecting the same sections; 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, or whether it results in unintended negative consequences and other challenges; and,

WHEREAS, many of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine the land use policies and practices that most effectively support housing production for 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 ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves, based on the unique needs and characteristics of each jurisdiction, 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; and what zoning should be allowed for residential properties is a matter of great import to the City of Colfax, among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Colfax is committed to providing housing for all segments of our community and feels strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community and objects to the increase of State legislation that diverts our resources and deprives us of the ability to be most effective; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Colfax expresses support for California Cities for Local Control and actions to strengthen local authority and control as related to local zoning and housing issues.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Colfax held on the February 24, 2021 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: Mendoza, Ackerman, Burruss, Fatula, Lomen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Sean Lomen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Lind, Interim City Clerk