RESOLUTION NO. 2020-095

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK 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 has proposed 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 Rohnert Park among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby authorize and approve as follows:

- 1. That the City Council registers its equally strong opposition to the current practice of the State legislature 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 Rohnert Park will support actions such as a ballot measure that would limit the State's ability to control local activities and strengthen local democracy and authority.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 27 day of October, 2020.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK Josep T. Callinan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sylvia-Lopez Cuevas, City Clerk



ADAMS: AL BELFORTE: NO STAFFORD: MACKENZIE: NO CALLINAN: AYC.