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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council fully supports this council file, which adopts a resolution to repeal Article 34 of the California State Constitution and eliminates barriers to the construction of publicly-funded housing.



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The Echo Park Neighborhood Council fully supports this council file, which adopts a resolution to repeal Article 34 of the California State Constitution and eliminates barriers to the construction of publicly-funded housing. Support for this resolution comes after a CIS was passed by this Board in November 2020 in support of CF 20-0197 that instructed various city departments to report back on the efficacy of a public housing model in Los Angeles.

Article 34 was added to the California Constitution in 1950 and requires that developments that consist of more than 49% affordable units and are supported by more than 51% government funds be approved by a referendum submitted to the voting public. This initiative was passed by fewer than 50,000 votes. To date, this is the only classification of housing that must meet these strict requirements.

The history and implementation of Article 34 is fraught with racist and classist intentions as it presented white homeowners with alternative means of blocking public housing developments that would provide relief to the historically less-wealthy Black and Latinx communities of California.

Angelenos have already affirmed their support for public housing in the ballot box by approving a measure in 2008 allowing 3,500 publicly-funded housing units per council district. In the midst of a housing crisis, many districts have reached this limit and more units are needed. However, another ballot measure would be required for council districts to construct public housing beyond this limit.

With this reasoning in mind, the EPNC applauds City Council in its resolution to support the repeal of Article 34 from the California State Constitution.

RESOLUTION

On September 28, 2021, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7pm through zoom. With a quorum of 14 board members present and vote count of 14 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of support for the application as set forth above.

Respectfully,
Echo Park Neighborhood Council

Nick Marcone
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council

Handwritten signature of Nick Marcone, consisting of stylized initials 'NM'.