

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Article 34 of the California Constitution prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, as defined, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town, or county in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the low-rent housing project is proposed, approve the project by voting in favor at an election, as specified; and

WHEREAS, Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA 2) (Allen, Wiener), currently pending in the California State Senate, would repeal these provisions; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is in a housing crisis, specifically in regards to our housing supply for low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, when the market does not provide enough housing for the residents of a locality, it is the responsibility of the governing body of the locality to do its part to ensure that more affordable housing be made available; and

WHEREAS, Article 34 is an expensive and unnecessary barrier that results in an increase in the cost of building publicly financed affordable housing; and

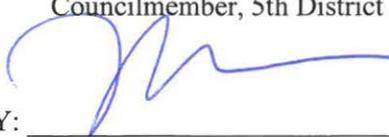
WHEREAS, Article 34 disproportionately affects people of color and low-income people by keeping them out of certain neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the repeal of Article 34 is crucial to reducing homelessness and ensuring that housing is available to people of all income levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SCA 2, which would repeal Article 34 of the California State constitution, removing a requirement that public housing projects be approved by voters.


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PRESENTED BY: 
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