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Council File Number: 21-0002-S65

Agenda Date:

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Summary: On behalf of 23,000 stakeholders, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) supports Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA2), to repeal Article 34 from the California Constitution and eliminate barriers to the construction of publicly funded affordable housing. 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. Article 34 was created in response to the Federal Housing Act of 1949, part of President Truman's Fair Deal to help lower-income post-war families move into better living situations. The Housing Act of 1949 banned explicit racial segregation in public housing, which left cities scrambling to find alternative ways to separate communities of color from white neighborhoods. In 2008, voters in Los Angeles approved a ballot measure allowing up to 3,500 publicly funded housing units per council district. Currently, some districts are approaching their limit and will require another public referendum to construct adequate affordable housing. Furthermore, due to the restrictive nature of Article 34, affordable housing developers have had to utilize convoluted funding schemes to remain under the 51% government funding threshold and avoid a public referendum. Jurisdictions that do not comply with Article 34 requirements are not eligible for state funds. This type of restriction delays and increases the cost of affordable housing projects, exacerbating our city-wide housing crisis. Therefore be it resolved, that the RVNC supports council file 21-0002-S65 and urges the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Senators Allen and Weiner) to repeal Article 34 from the California Constitution and remove the limits placed on affordable housing units that can be supported by the City.



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Council File No. 21-0002-S65
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council**



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Title: Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Allen and Weiner) / Article 34 / California Constitution / Affordable Housing Units / Repeal

Position: Support

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

On behalf of 23,000 stakeholders, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) supports Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA 2), which would repeal Article 34 from the California Constitution and eliminate barriers to the construction of publicly funded affordable housing. The RVNC is, therefore, in favor of this council file.

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.

Article 34 was created in response to the Federal Housing Act of 1949, part of President Truman's Fair Deal to help lower-income post-war families move into better living situations. The Housing Act of 1949 banned explicit racial segregation in public housing, which left cities scrambling to find alternative ways to separate communities of color from white neighborhoods. For the past decade, Los Angeles has struggled to fund and build affordable housing units in a timely manner as a result of this process. California Senators Allen and Wiener introduced SCA 2 to repeal Article 34. SCA 2 will give voters an opportunity to eliminate an obstacle enshrined in the California Constitution in a bygone era, which undermines elected officials' ability to address California's acute housing and homelessness challenges.

In 2008, voters in Los Angeles approved a ballot measure allowing up to 3,500 publicly funded housing units per council district. Currently, some districts are approaching their limit and will require another public referendum to construct adequate affordable housing. Furthermore, due to the restrictive nature of Article 34, affordable housing developers have had to utilize convoluted funding schemes in order to remain under the 51% government funding threshold and avoid a public referendum. Jurisdictions that do not comply with Article 34 requirements are not eligible for state funds. This type of bureaucratic hoop-jumping inevitably delays and increases the cost of affordable housing projects, exacerbating our city-wide housing crisis.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council supports council file 21-0002-S65 and urges the City of Los Angeles to include in its 2021-22 State Legislative Program **SUPPORT**

for Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (Senators Allen and Weiner) to repeal Article 34 from the California Constitution and remove the limits placed on affordable housing units that can be supported by the City.

In service,

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Ronee Reece
SECONDED BY: Rick Shumacher
YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 INELIGIBLE: 0
ON THIS DATE: February 15, 2022