

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 government 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, the Housing Element of the General Plan, also called "*the Plan to House LA*," identifies the City's housing needs and opportunities and establishes clear goals and objectives to inform future housing decisions, and when the ongoing update to the Housing Element is completed, it will guide the creation and implementation of the City's housing policy from 2021 to 2029; and

WHEREAS, State law requires the City to update its Housing Element every eight years and demonstrate sufficient zoned capacity for housing to accommodate the number of units identified in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is working alongside the Housing & Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) on the update to the Housing Element, inasmuch as cities throughout California must submit their updates to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development this year; and

WHEREAS, updating and submitting the City's Housing Element is time-consuming as the City must provide an inventory and analysis of sites that are available for housing development and identify the development of programs that eliminate barriers to housing, assist in the development and preservation of lower and moderate-income housing, address the needs of the homeless population, and conduct an extensive public outreach process to ensure community support for the final program; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) (the "Bill" or "SB 9"), entitled the California Home Act, was signed into law by the Governor on September 19, 2021 and becomes effective on January 1, 2022. The Bill amends Government Code Section 66452.6, and adds two new Government Code Sections 65852.1 and 66411.7; and the Bill will require cities and counties, including charter cities, to provide for the ministerial (or "by right") approval of a housing development containing two residential units of at least 800 square feet in floor area ("duplex") and a parcel map dividing one existing lot into two "lot split" within a single-family residential zone for residential use; and

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WHEREAS, the option to submit an addendum to the Housing Element to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development would allow the City, and greater Southern California region, to continue to collaboratively work to address our housing and homelessness crisis with sufficient time to ensure that our housing policies and programs are effective; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) requested a six-month extension to submit SCAG region cities and counties Housing Element updates that seek to address the state's housing crisis, and based on SCAG's RHNA Allocation Plan, adopted in March 2020, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element must accommodate a total of 456,643 units, of which 184,721 units must be affordable to lower-income households (Very Low and Low); and

WHEREAS, the City's revised Housing Element must be adopted by the Council no later than October 15, 2021, or the City could lose eligibility for significant sources of affordable housing funding currently provided by the State;

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 2021-22 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislation or administrative action that would allow a local jurisdiction to submit an addendum to their adopted housing element to calculate the additional capacity added by SB 9 (Atkins) and as part of *Adequate Sites for Housing* in the Housing Element, which require that cities and counties have adequate land zoned for housing to accommodate expected population growth.

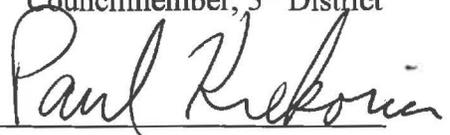
PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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