

Mission Statement
California Citizens FOR Local Control
Volunteer Organization

Our mission is to spread awareness and enlist support to ensure that Cities can continue to manage their own land use and zoning issues. We must not allow the State Legislature to mandate changes to our Cities that will remove local control and be detrimental to our communities.

We do this by reaching out to California City Elected Officials to educate and enlist them to our cause. Our activities include, but are not limited to, signing onto petitions, having Cities pass resolutions in support of our efforts, and seeking out allies for possible legal action against the State and/or to promote efforts for a ballot initiative to legislate the desired results.

With this alliance of City Elected Officials working together as one, we stand a better chance of having our message resonate loud and clear to all groups that proclaim to support us.

WE WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS LOSS OF LOCAL CONTROL AND UNFUNDED MANDATES being imposed upon us by our State.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED HOUSING LEGISLATION AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY AND CONTROL

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California, has proposed a number of bills addressing a range of 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 their cities and residents and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State, as well as imposing unfunded mandates on jurisdictions for actions that are not in their best interests; and

WHEREAS, for example, the ability of jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval, what parking requirements are appropriate for various locales 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 is a matter of great import to the City of Torrance, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Torrance 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY:

Registers its strong opposition to the following pieces of State legislation that usurp local control and impose unfunded mandates:

- AB 831 (Grayson) – Planning and zoning: housing: development application modifications.
- AB 953 (Ting) – Land use: accessory dwelling units.
- AB 1279 (Bloom) - Housing Developments. High Resource Areas.
- AB 2323 (Friedman) – California Environmental Quality Act Exemptions.
- AB 2405 (Burke) – Right to safe, decent, and affordable housing.
- AB 3153 (Rivas, Robert) Parking and zoning: bicycle and car-share parking credits.
- AB 3269 (Chui) State and local agencies: homelessness plan.
- SB 288 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: exemptions.
- SB 899 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.
- AB 725 (Wicks) General Plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions.
- AB 1851 (Wicks) Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements.
- AB 2168 (McCarty) Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations: permit application: approval.

- AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing.
- AB 2988 (Chu) Planning and zoning: supportive housing: number of units: emergency shelter zones.
- AB 3107 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: General Plan: housing development.
- SB 902 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: housing development: zoning.
- SB 995 (Atkins) Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.
- SB 1085 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.
- SB 1120 (Atkins) Subdivisions: tentative maps.
- SB 1138 (Weiner) Housing Element: emergency shelters: rezoning of sites; and,

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

Declares that, should the State continue to pass legislation that attacks local municipal authority, control and revenue, the City of Torrance will support actions such as a ballot measure that would limit the State ability to control local activities and strengthen local democracy and authority.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2020.

Mayor Patrick J. Furey

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
PATRICK Q. SULLIVAN, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Tatia Y. Strader, Assistant City Attorney

Rebecca Poirier, MMC, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 21st day of July, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS Ashcraft, Chen, Goodrich, Griffiths, Kalani, Mattucci, and Mayor Furey.
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS None.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS None.

Date: _____

Rebecca Poirier, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance