

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, Article 34 was added to the California Constitution in 1950 to limit the expenditure of public funds for affordable housing by establishing unit maximums that are subject to voter approval; and

WHEREAS, to date, the City has received voter approval, known as Article 34 Authority, to finance up to 52,500 affordable rental units or 3,500 per Council District; and

WHEREAS, the City's Article 34 Authority is close to being exhausted in certain Council Districts, which could hinder the City's ability to adequately address its dire housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, State and City voters have expressed their will to fund affordable housing through recent measures, including the passage of a recording fee as revenue for housing development and Proposition HHH, which makes available \$1.2 billion in funding, while Article 34 could create funding impediments; and

WHEREAS, this law should be removed from the California Constitution so all jurisdictions can fully achieve their respective housing goals; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020, Senators Allen and Wiener introduced Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 2 to repeal Article 34; and

WHEREAS, the City should support all efforts to maintain its ability to provide affordable housing for its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes 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 any limit on affordable housing units that can be supported by the City.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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