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Council File Number: 21-0002-S65

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Summary: On behalf of over 40,000 stakeholders, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) supports Senate Constitutional Amendment 2 (SCA2), which would repeal Article 34 from the California Constitution and eliminate barriers to the construction of publicly funded affordable housing. The LFNC 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. The history and implementation of Article 34 is fraught with racist and classicist intentions. Enacted in the wake of the United States Supreme Court decision on *Shelley v. Kraemer* (1948), which outlawed racially restrictive housing covenants, Article 34 presented white homeowners with alternative means of blocking public housing developments that would provide relief to the historically less-wealthy Black and Latinx population of California. 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. This type of bureaucratic hoop-jumping inevitably delays and increases the cost of affordable housing projects, exacerbating our city-wide housing crisis. -SEE ATTACHED .PDF FOR FULL CIS-



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: 21-0002-S65

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

Position: Support

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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 Los Feliz 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.

-APPROVED-

July 20th, 2021

Yay: 18. Nay: 0