

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 9 (ATKINS, CABALLERO, RUBIO AND WIENER) AND ALL LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS FOR THE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OR ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING ACROSS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, California is currently suffering a housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, this crisis is fueling homelessness, loss of businesses and jobs, and decreasing standards of living; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario has worked to create a development-friendly climate to increase the production of units in its jurisdiction to alleviate the crisis and help its residents; and

WHEREAS, since 2018 the City of Ontario has issued over 3,500 residential unit permits; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has over the past several years introduce legislative proposals to solve the housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, a number of the proposals offered by legislators aimed at implementing by-right and ministerial housing approval processes; and

WHEREAS, ministerial approval processes seek to modify or eliminate single-family residential zoning across the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ontario engages with community members and other stakeholders to create the City's zoning ordinances and housing element; and

WHEREAS, ministerial housing approval strips local officials and residents of their ability to voice their views about the future of their communities through the creation of ordinances; and

WHEREAS, ministerial housing approval to eliminate single-family residential zoning can bring unsustainable growth to unprepared communities; and

WHEREAS, by-right housing can jeopardize the efforts of the State on decreasing pollution, commute times, and create an overall lower quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, ministerial housing approval places the burden of the problem solely and directly on residents; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature has other tools at its disposal to solve the housing affordability crisis; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 9 does not address the affordability crisis as it does not require property owners to provide housing at very low, low, or moderate-income levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Opposes legislation that allows for the ministerial approval of modification or elimination of single-family residential zoning.

While the City of Ontario shares the sense of urgency in solving the housing affordability crisis in the State of California, the solutions should not strip residents and local officials of their rights to shape the future of their community. Ministerial and by-right housing will create unsustainable growth in unprepared localities, exacerbating the affordability problem and decreasing standards of living across the City. As such, it is imperative that the State of California explores alternative solutions, including increased financing options and decreasing administrative hurdles, to resolve the housing crisis.

The City Clerk of the City of Ontario shall certify as to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2021.



PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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