

POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM)

TITLE: Support for Council File 21-0002-S186 (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils)

PURPOSE: This motion is to affirm the Mar Vista Community Council's support of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils' (WRAC) motion supporting Council File (CF) 21-0002-S186 to add SB9 sites to the City of Los Angeles Housing Element Adequate Sites inventory

BACKGROUND:

The City must complete and submit its Housing Element document to the State (to HCID) by February 12. The current document appears to be on its way to approval on a fast track having quickly traveled through the Council's Housing and PLUM Committees over the past week. The document recommends numerous upzoning strategies in order to meet the assigned RHNA for the new eight-year housing cycle.

Although SB 9 has been signed by the Governor and will go into effect on January 1st, the City has not been allowed to include the impact of that measure in the Housing Element document. The City will be allowed to count housing created/produced using SB 9 entitlements in the reporting of housing units created over the eight-year housing cycle, but cannot include them in the assessment of sites available for development over that period. This means that the City will need to upzone more parcels than necessary in order to meet the RHNA goals.

As HCID turned down the City and SCAG's earlier requests to allow for an extension of the due date/deadline for submission of completed and approved Housing Elements, this motion seeks a different approach. Rather than delay submission of the document to the State, this motion seeks to place in the City's Sacramento lobbying agenda the effort to seek a legislative or administrative action that would permit the City to submit an addendum to the Housing Element (after having submitted the full/final document). That addendum would then incorporate the impact of the implementation of SB 9 into the City's inventory of available sites for housing which would increase LA's housing capacity.

This motion was proposed by Barbara Broide, Member/Westside NC rep of the WRAC Land Use & Planning Cmtee (LUPC), Westside NC alternate representative for the WRAC Board, Board member of the Westside NC, and Co-Chair of the Westside NC Land Use Committee; and Chris Spitz, WRAC Vice Chair

THE MOTION:

The Mar Vista Community Council supports The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils in its support for Council File 21-0002-S186 which seeks to support any Sacramento legislative or administrative action that will allow the City to include SB 9 sites in an addendum to the Housing Element thus allowing for the inclusion of these SB 9 sites in the Adequate Sites for Housing inventory. **The MVCC also wishes to file a CIS in support.**

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DIRECTED TO:

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
Matt Wersinger, Chair
Chris Spitz, Vice Chair
chair@westsidecouncils.com

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PLUM Committee meeting, March 1st, 2022

Motion of Support moved by Drew Ruesch, seconded by Tyler Laferriere

Motion of Support approved by MVCC PLUM 04-01-02

MVCC Board Meeting, March 16th, 2022

Motion of Support moved by Director XXX, seconded by Director XXX

Motion of Support XXXXX by the MVCC Board XX-XX-XX

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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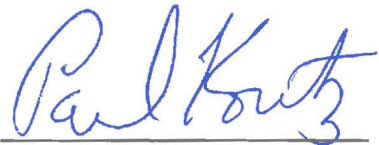
WHEREAS, the option to submit an addendum to the Housing Element to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development would allow the City, and greater Southern California region, to continue to collaboratively work to address our housing and homelessness crisis with sufficient 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.

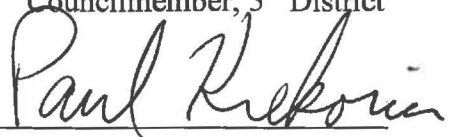
PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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