

Resolution in Support of Local Control for Increased Housing Density, S.B 10

WHEREAS the housing and affordability crisis is a major source of stress on Santa Clara County and California’s fiscal health, social welfare, medical, and public safety systems; and places an unnecessary burden on our most vulnerable populations, while disproportionately harming the low-income families, putting them at greater risk for housing instability and homelessness; and

WHEREAS the ongoing climate emergency is exacerbated by the lack of affordable and moderate income homes close to jobs, creating urban sprawl, increasing vehicle miles traveled, while increasing traffic and accidents; and

WHEREAS housing is a human right and the need for housing stability provides the basis for educational, health, and economic outcomes; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 10 will support local governments that choose to restore “missing middle” or “gentle density” options to their mix, enabling cities to zone for naturally affordable homes, while improving the quality of life by reducing traffic and commute times and creating communities that can sustain walkable services; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports S.B. 10, calling upon the Governor and the California Legislature to rectify California’s housing crisis, by helping local governments to zone up to 10 homes on qualifying sites through local discretion; making it faster, less expensive, and less risky for a city to undertake a community process to increase density in our neighborhoods; and creating a path to address the housing shortage through the the traditional development pattern of incremental density built by many hands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to Assemblymember Marc Berman, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Assemblymember Evan Low, Assemblymember Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Mark Stone, State Senator Josh Becker, State Senator Dave Cortese State Senator John Laird, State Senator Bob Wieckowski.

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