

Resolution in Support of Overturning Article 34 of the California Constitution

WHEREAS the Bay Area has a shortage of housing, especially housing accessible to lower-income individuals¹, which will become increasingly severe if inaction continues²;

WHEREAS Article 34 demands voter approval for the building of publicly funded low income housing, forcing affordable housing developers to fund expensive campaigns in order to put their projects on the ballot³;

WHEREAS Article 34's addition to the California constitution was motivated by the racist desire to maintain segregated communities⁴; and

WHEREAS the overturn of Article 34 has "broad support" from lawmakers³, but has stalled without the funding necessary to educate the public on what Article 34 is and how it impacts housing in the Bay Area⁴;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party support the overturn of Article 34 as a part of its party platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party use its resources to educate the public on Article 34 and in addition will ask candidates seeking its endorsement whether they support overturning Article 34 and will take their response into consideration in making its endorsement decision.

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¹ <https://bayareaequityatlas.org/indicators/affordable-housing-production#/?geo=050000000000000017>

² <https://www.jstor.org/stable/resrep26063>, specifically page 6

³ <https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/lawmakers-push-to-repeal-article-34-call-language-in-californias-constitution-racist/>

⁴ <https://www.latimes.com./california/story/2022-03-14/why-killing-article-34-on-affordable-housing-has-been-hard>