

Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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Fundamental Question

Who is better suited to set zoning and other land use regulations for your town?

A. The Legislature in Sacramento?

B. Local Cities and Counties?

“It’s the Cities’ Fault”

- ▶ Sacramento is scapegoating cities instead of collaborating on affordable housing.
- ▶ Housing shortage is caused by local regulations?
- ▶ Supply vs. Demand is not a Natural law.

Last Four Years of Housing Bills Above and Beyond RHNA

- ▶ **SB827** – 2018 (Unlimited density near bus stops)
- ▶ **SB50** – 2019 (unlimited density near bus stops)
- ▶ **SB1120** – 2020 (required lot splits)
- ▶ **SB9** – 2021 (required ministerial lot splits) – **Just signed into law**

SB9 Passed. What Now?

- ▶ Constitutional Amendment to make zoning and land-use locally controlled.
- ▶ Introduced by Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, co-authored by State Senator Stephen Glazer as ACA7.
- ▶ Now: ***“Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative”***.

What the Initiative Does

- ▶ Amends Article XI of the California Constitution.
- ▶ Transfer power for zoning and land use from Sacramento back to local agencies.
- ▶ Exceptions for Coastal Act and large infrastructure projects.
- ▶ Does not affect Fair Housing Laws or CEQA requirements.
Supersedes any previously enacted State laws like SB9 & SB10.

Brand-Huang-Mendoza Land Use Initiative

- ▶ Filed with Attorney General on August 25th – in time to make November 2022 ballot. Title and Summary due November 1, 2021.
- ▶ Will require well over 1 million signatures and \$10-12 million to qualify.

Meet the Proponents

- ▶ John Heath – President, United Homeowners Association, Los Angeles
- ▶ Jovita Hernandez – Council Member, City of Brentwood
- ▶ Dennis Richards – Former Planning Commissioner, City and County of San Francisco
- ▶ Peggy Huang – Mayor, City of Yorba Linda
- ▶ Bill Brand – Mayor, City of Redondo Beach

Many Statewide Community Groups formed to Protect Local Control

- ▶ **Livable** California
- ▶ **CALE** – California Alliance of Locally Elected Officials
- ▶ **CCLC** – California Communities for Local Control
- ▶ Many other homeowner groups

How can Cities Help?

Pass a resolution of support

**Visit our website:
StopSacramento.org**

Questions?