



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2021

Hon. Nury Martinez, President, Los Angeles City Council, and Chair,
Rules, Elections & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Rules Committee)
Hon. Joe Buscaino, CD 15, Member, Rules Committee
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas, CD 10, Member, Rules Committee

Via email to each member and submission to the Council File public comment portal

Re: Council File 21-0002-S18 – Resolution to Oppose SB 9 (Koretz) – SUPPORT Resolution

Dear Council President Martinez and Members Buscaino and Ridley-Thomas:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) is the most broad-based community organization and has been the voice of Pacific Palisades since 1973.

At its regularly scheduled public board meeting on January 28, 2021, after due consideration and opportunity for discussion, the PPCC board voted unanimously in favor of the attached motion, recommended in part by the leadership board of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC).

We urge the Council Rules Committee to take up the above-referenced Council File at the earliest opportunity and to vote in SUPPORT of the proposed Resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz

Christina Spitz, Secretary
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of LA
Hon. Paul Koretz, CD5
Hon. Mike Bonin, CD11
Matt Wersinger, Chair, WRAC

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Attachment: PPCC Motion Opposing SB 9 and Supporting Resolution in CF 21-0002-S18

“Whereas, Senate Bill 9 violates principles of democratic process and local control by mandating local governments to ministerially approve lot splits and/or development projects allowing for two main residential units on parcels in single-family residential zones (under specified conditions), thus substantially eliminating single-family zoning in California;

“Whereas, Senate Bill 9 violates the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code §§30000 et seq.) by failing to exempt parcels within the Coastal zone, by purporting to eliminate hearings for Coastal Development Permits, and by requiring by-right/expedited approval of all projects permitted under the bill, including projects within the Coastal zone which otherwise require discretionary review, including hearings, under the Coastal Act;

“Whereas, Senate Bill 9 violates the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21065 and 21080) and shortcuts required CEQA review by declaring preemptively that a project permitted under the bill is not a “project” under CEQA, without regard to the test established by controlling caselaw, that is, whether the ordinance in a given case is “capable of causing a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment” (Union of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of San Diego (California Coastal Commission, Real Party in Interest), (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1171);

“Whereas, Senate Bill 9 compromises public safety and puts the lives and property of thousands of California residents in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) at risk from increased density by failing to provide any exemption for parcels within the VHFHSZ;

“Whereas, Senate Bill 9 fails to address the state’s affordable housing crisis or to further the purported goal of “ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing” by not specifying or requiring any particular amount or level of affordable housing (low to moderate income/workforce housing) in projects permitted pursuant to the bill;

“Whereas, Councilmember Paul Koretz has introduced a resolution in Los Angeles City Council, CF 21-0002- S18, calling for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Senate Bill 9;

“Therefore, Pacific Palisades Community Council opposes Senate Bill 9 (Atkins) and supports the resolution in CF 21-0002-S18 (Koretz) calling for the City of Los Angeles to oppose Senate Bill 9.”