Californians from every community and political perspective have united to form the Our Neighborhood Voices coalition — a grassroots movement of neighbors, elected officials and community leaders working to restore local democracy in community planning and take back control of our own cities and towns from Sacramento politicians and for-profit developers.

In recent years Sacramento politicians have passed a series of laws that take away the ability of local communities to shape growth so we can build the housing we need without destroying the character of our neighborhoods, creating traffic gridlock, displacing vulnerable residents, and leaving taxpayers with higher bills.

Our grassroots coalition includes elected officials, community leaders and affordable housing advocates — and we have organized more than 50,000 Californians and raised over $750,000, largely from small donations. Now, we must raise $9.8 million from a statewide network of supporters to qualify a constitutional ballot initiative to end the “one size fits all” mandates from Sacramento and restore local democracy over how to shape growth in our own communities.

Polling data shows voters agree by more than 2 to 1 that local communities should make their own planning decisions, and support for the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative increases with every so-called “Builders Remedy” project where developers take advantage of state law loopholes to build oversized, mostly market rate developments in single-family neighborhoods.

Voters are on our side, but we have to raise enough money to pay for signature gathering to help us collect nearly 1.4 million signatures to qualify for the ballot. We expect our statewide grassroots network will collect a significant portion of the required signatures, but for a
campaign of this size, it's unlikely that we will collect enough valid signatures using grassroots volunteers alone. That's why we need help from supports like you to help close the gap.

In California, almost all ballot initiatives qualify via paid signature gathering efforts. The small group of firms that specialize in collecting signatures charge on a per-signature basis, with the price of signatures rising or falling depending on demand for their services.

According to our petition management vendor (which has gathered more than 44 million signatures and qualified hundreds of state and local initiatives), we should plan to collect 1.4 million signatures. This means we must raise another $9.8 million to guarantee we will qualify for the November 2024 ballot. Once our initiative qualifies, the polling data indicates a very strong likelihood that we will win a simple majority of voters.

All large donations will be dedicated to signature gathering, and we can provide large donors with weekly reports from our campaign treasurer upon request to maximize transparency and donor input. All campaign overhead and other administrative expenses are already met by our current fundraising efforts.

To help push back against Sacramento's overreach into local neighborhoods, please visit https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/donate. Thank you for your support! We believe in the power of local democracy, and we are committed to getting the Our Neighborhood Voices initiative qualified for the 2024 election to restore local democracy and protect the California dream!

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