**SAMPLE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES BALLOT INITIATIVE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] OF THE [CITY/ COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*], CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE “OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICES” BALLOT INITIATIVE TO AMEND ARTICLE IX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO MAKE ZONING, DEVELOPMENT, AND LAND USE MATTERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California in recent years has proposed, and passed, and Governors have signed into law more than 400 bills addressing a range of local land use, development, and planning issues; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these new laws usurp the authority of local jurisdictions, including city councils, county boards of supervisors, planning departments, and mayoral offices, among others, to determine for themselves the land use, development, and planning policies that best suit their communities and residents, and instead impose “one-size-fits-all” mandates that fail to account for the unique needs and differences of local jurisdictions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these new laws do not provide any incentives or requirements for low-income, affordable, or moderate income workforce housing, but instead impose mandates that incentivize real estate speculation and the construction of unneeded market rate, above market rate, and luxury housing on a theory of “trickle down” economics, thereby eliminating the authority and ability of local jurisdictions to implement effective policies to create more affordable housing and affirmatively further fair housing practices; and

WHEREAS, this “trickle down” approach to housing has demonstrably failed to produce the needed stock of low-income, affordable, and moderate income housing for working Californians, instead pushing millions of working individuals and families into housing insecurity, defined as individuals and families who spend 50% or more of their monthly income on housing, and

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves, based on their constituents’ and residents’ needs, which projects require review beyond ministerial approval; what off-street parking requirements are appropriate for different neighborhoods; what housing plans are appropriate for those neighborhoods; what zoning should be applied to those neighborhoods; what restrictions to place in high fire danger severity zones and other sensitive areas; and what types of housing are needed and appropriate, is a matter of critical importance to the [CITY/COUNTY OF \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*]; and

WHEREAS the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (“RHNA”) allocation of

\*\*\*\*\* new units imposed on [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] bears no rational relationship to

[CITY/COUNTY’S] actual housing needs, and amounts to an arbitrary and capricious state mandate; and

WHEREAS, the state mandated sixth cycle RHNA units would force the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] to approve development in open spaces, environmentally sensitive areas, high fire danger severity zones, and other areas inappropriate and/or dangerous for housing; and

WHEREAS, the state mandated new construction of unneeded and inappropriate market rate, above market rate, and luxury housing via RHNA, most of which will be in dense, unaffordable new multifamily buildings, would place untenable and unsustainable stresses on local infrastructure, including but not limited to schools, police, sheriff, and fire resources, sanitation, roads, public transit, and water and power; and

WHEREAS, by failing to appropriate funds for necessary infrastructure upgrades, including but not limited to new schools and increased resources for police, sheriff, fire, sanitation, roads, public transit, and water and power, the state mandated sixth cycle RHNA units are an unfunded state mandate that violates Article XIIIB, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] hereby determines and declares that local governmental entities are best able to assess and respond to the unique needs of our communities and neighborhoods, and hereby objects to the proliferation of State legislation and sixth cycle RHNA mandates that deprives us of that ability;

NOW THEREFORE the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

# DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] is opposed to the legislature of the State of California continually proposing and adopting legislation that overrides the zoning, development, and land use authority of local government and inhibits the ability of local government to effectively plan for and implement policies to stimulate the efficient production of affordable and workforce housing.

SECTION 2. That the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] hereby finds and declares that the sixth cycle RHNA mandate of \*\*\*\*\* units by 20\*\* bears no rational relationship to [CITY’S/COUNTY’S] actual housing needs, is arbitrary and capricious, and would be a physical impossibility to meet.

SECTION 3. That the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] hereby finds and declares that the state mandated sixth cycle RHNA requirements are an illegal unfunded mandate in violation of Article XIIIB, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of California.

SECTION 4. That the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

# DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] supports and endorses the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of California put forth by the grassroots nonprofit Our Neighborhood Voices (attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A) to ensure that zoning and land use authority rests with the local government entities that represent the communities in which the residents reside, and to allow local government to participate in solving our affordable housing crisis through solutions that effectively address the unique needs and conditions of each local community.

SECTION 5. That the [CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/PLANNING

DEPARTMENT/MAYOR] of the [CITY/COUNTY of \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*] incorporates each recital set forth herein above.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \*\*\*\*\*\* day of \*\*\*\*\*, 2025.