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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC) supports Senate Bill 9 (SB 9), which would allow for by-right duplexes and lot splits. Thus, the LFNC opposes this City Council motion. We urge the Council to change course, stand against exclusionary zoning, and join us in supporting this much-needed reform. SB 9 would streamline the construction of duplexes on current single-family lots. These duplexes would provide desperately needed housing in Los Angeles—a city with a stark housing unaffordability crisis—while remaining consistent in scale with existing homes and neighborhoods. SB 9 would also allow large parcels to be split into two smaller lots, on which smaller, more affordable homes could be constructed. Both would be allowed by right, eliminating red tape and discretionary review unneeded for housing of this small scale. SB 9 will allow for the restoration of valuable “missing middle,” medium-density housing. The bill would also provide important protections: It would not apply to lots with current rental housing, including rent-stabilized and covenanted affordable housing. It also would not apply in environmentally sensitive and designated historic areas. And the new housing would still need to abide by local, objective design and zoning regulations. This bill would help remediate the continuing legacies of exclusion and inequity that stem from redlining and racially restrictive covenants which current exclusionary zoning helps perpetuate. After decades of failure of California cities to adequately plan for housing, this bill is necessary. Though this bill allows for a baseline of duplex housing, it maintains local control over many, many aspects of construction, design, and zoning. If City Councilmembers wish to prove that they can enact the same reforms locally without need for help from the state, we welcome them to do so.