

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the cost of housing in California is the highest of any state in the nation, and the pace of cost increase has far outstripped that in other parts of the country; and

WHEREAS, only 17% of California households can afford to purchase a median-priced home - compared to 36% for the country; and
WHEREAS, much of the housing built in California is large single-family homes or and high-rise construction; and

WHEREAS, a strategy to lower the cost of housing is to facilitate the construction of "missing-middle" housing types that accommodate more units per acre, but are not as inherently expensive to build; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the state assembly is a bill, AB 1070 (Ward), which would direct the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development to create a working group to explore allowing 'missing middle' developments between 3 and 10 units to be built under the requirements of the California Residential Code, rather than the California Building Code; and

WHEREAS, this change could unlock the production of triplexes and other smaller multi-family housing types by streamlining code requirements, while preserving health and safety and opening up a broader workforce to build these projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1070 (Ward), which would allow residential developments of between 3 and 10 units to be built under the requirements of the California Residential Code rather than the California Building Code.

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