



LEAGUE OF
**CALIFORNIA
CITIES**

THIS FORM, SIGNED BY NO LESS THAN 48 DESIGNATED VOTING DELEGATES, MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE VOTING DELEGATES DESK NO LATER THAN 11:30 A.M., ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022.

PETITION FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

I, LYDIA KOU, the designated voting delegate of the City of
(full name as registered)

PALO ALTO, hereby request consideration by the General
Assembly of the 2022 Annual Conference of the League of California Cities of a resolution containing the
following specific language:

(Include full and precise text of proposed resolution. Optional background document may be attached separately)

Resolution of the League of California Cities to

(title - optional)

Support a Ballot Measure to Strengthen Local Planning
Authority

(see attached for full text & background)

**1. RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO
SUPPORT A BALLOT MEASURE TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL
PLANNING AUTHORITY**

In Furtherance of the League of California Cities' Mission: "To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians"

WHEREAS, Article XI of the California Constitution recognizes that local self-government is the cornerstone of democracy by empowering cities to enact local laws and policies designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of their residents and govern their municipal affairs; and

WHEREAS, since 2017 the state legislature has enacted dozens of laws that supplant local control and erode local authority over land use and zoning decisions purportedly to address housing affordability, however only a scant few of these new state laws include any funding or enforceable requirements to help create more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, at a time when millions of working class and lower income Californians struggle to find decent housing, these new state laws fail to address our affordable housing crisis – instead, they incentivize the creation of more market rate & luxury housing and underfund low and moderate income housing, they expand profit margins for institutional investors and special interests, and they increase displacement and gentrification in working class neighborhoods and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, these new state laws force working families to pay more in taxes to fund development impacts because these new laws make it much more difficult for cities to negotiate fair mitigation fees to fund public safety, transit, parks and other local services and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities' Mission Statement reads: "Our mission is to expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians;" and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities Vision aims “To be recognized and respected as the leading advocate for the common interests of California's cities;” and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities' General Assembly unanimously passed a resolution in 2018 (the “**2018 Resolution**”) to “assess the increasing vulnerabilities to local authority, control and revenue and explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would give the state’s voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy to best preserve their local quality of life;” and

WHEREAS, consistent with its Mission Statement, its Vision, and the 2018 Resolution, and to address the Legislature’s continued overreach into local land use planning and zoning policy and its failure to effectively address California’s affordable housing crisis, the League of California Cities should consider and take all reasonable actions required to preserve cities’ ability to regulate local land use planning and zoning, including actively supporting a ballot measure to amend the state constitution.

RESOLVED, that the League of California Cities shall partner with the Brand-Mendoza-Candell Tripartisan Land Use Initiative (a/k/a the “Our Neighborhood Voices” Initiative) to restore local land use planning and zoning authority to local governments throughout California.

RESOLVED, that the League shall allocate sufficient resources to help advance and qualify the Brand-Mendoza-Candell Initiative for the California general election in November 2024.
