

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0046

RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY  
COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO  
FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY,  
AUTHORITY, AND CONTROL AS RELATED TO LOCAL  
LAND USE AND HOUSING ISSUES

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California each year proposes, passes, and has signed into law a number of bills addressing a range of land use and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California has not and does not allow sufficient time between each legislative cycle to determine if the legislation is successful in bringing about the change for the State of California's land use and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these bills usurp local jurisdictions authority to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit each city and its residents and instead impose mandates that do not consider the needs and differences of jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval; what parking requirements are appropriate for various neighborhoods within their jurisdiction; what plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community rather than having these decisions imposed upon cities without regard to the circumstances of each individual city; and what zoning should be allowed for residential properties is a matter of great importance to the City, among other items related to local zoning and housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach feels strongly that the local government is best able to assess the needs of our community and objects to the proliferation of State legislation that deprives us of that ability.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Manhattan Beach is opposed to the current practice of the legislature of the State of California of continually proposing and passing multitudes of bills that directly impact and interfere with the ability of cities to control their own destiny through use of the zoning authority that has been delegated to local jurisdictions through the California Constitution and state law.

SECTION 2. The City of Manhattan Beach will support efforts to protect the ability of cities to retain local control over land use and housing as each individual city within the State of California is best suited to determine how land use and housing policies should be implemented in its City, and the City Council hereby authorizes and delegates to the City Manager the authority to submit correspondence in support of such efforts.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED on June 1, 2021.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

SUZANNE HADLEY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA  
City Clerk