

Background Information re Recommended Motion to Support Council File 21-0002-S186
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As we all know, the City must complete and submit its Housing Element document to the State (to HCID) by February 12. The current document appears to be on its way to approval on a fast track having quickly traveled through the Council's Housing and PLUM Committees over the past week. The document recommends numerous upzoning strategies in order to meet the assigned RHNA for the new eight-year housing cycle.

Although SB 9 has been signed by the Governor and will go into effect on January 1st, the City has not been allowed to include the impact of that measure in the Housing Element document. The City will be allowed to count housing created/produced using SB 9 entitlements in the reporting of housing units created over the eight-year housing cycle, but cannot include them in the assessment of sites available for development over that period. This means that the City will need to upzone more parcels than necessary in order to meet the RHNA goals.

As HCID turned down the City and SCAG's earlier requests to allow for an extension of the due date/deadline for submission of completed and approved Housing Elements, this motion seeks a different approach. Rather than delay submission of the document to the State, this motion seeks to place in the City's Sacramento lobbying agenda the effort to seek a legislative or administrative action that would permit the City to submit an addendum to the Housing Element (after having submitted the full/final document). That addendum would then incorporate the impact of the implementation of SB 9 into the City's inventory of available sites for housing which would increase LA's housing capacity.

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