

RESOLUTION 2019-065

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO SUPPORTING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY JURISDICTIONS' HOUSING AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ON HOUSING MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' recognize and respect the local needs and character of each community, and have a shared interest in maintaining local control of decision-making related to all aspects of the management of each jurisdiction, including but not limited to financial, land use and development, and growth-related matters;

WHEREAS, in January of 2017, the State of California published a report titled "California's Housing Future: Opportunities and Challenges," which documented the negative consequences of the historic underproduction of housing in California, including an increasing affordability gap, falling rates of homeownership, disproportionate rates of homelessness, and issues such as urban sprawl and traffic congestion. Collectively, these issues have been identified by legislators as part of a statewide "housing crisis";

WHEREAS, in September of 2017, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law the "Housing Package" consisting of 15 new bills focused on funding, permit streamlining, and increased enforcement and accountability for local governments with respect to implementation of the Housing Element;

WHEREAS, in 2018, State legislators approved, and the Governor signed into law several additional housing bills;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission formed the Committee to House the Bay Area (CASA) to address the housing challenges in the Bay Area;

WHEREAS, in December 2018 the Committee to House the Bay Area released an ambitious 10-point plan, known as the CASA Compact, to serve as state legislative research data for future housing legislation;

WHEREAS, the State's focus on the affordable housing challenges is likely to continue for the foreseeable future with new legislation that will impact local Jurisdictions';

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' recognize the substantial challenge of providing adequate and affordable housing opportunities in the region, and the shared responsibility of all communities across the State to help address these needs;

WHEREAS, there is a unique opportunity for the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' to work together, to develop a collaborative response to influence legislative efforts at the State towards outcomes that address housing needs, while respecting community character and desire for local control of decision making;

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' affirm their interest in and commitment to shaping housing policy outcomes in a constructive and transparent manner, through a proactive and nuanced approach to advocacy and engagement on the topic of housing that will result in better outcomes for the region and the individual communities;

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework provides a comprehensive approach, reflecting the following Key Themes:

- Balanced Solutions – Housing, Jobs, and Transportation;
- Provide, Promote, and Protect Affordability;
- Context Sensitive Housing;
- Infrastructure and Services;
- Funding and Resources;

WHEREAS, the Key Themes are topic areas where there is consensus among the Contra Costa County and its respective cities, and which can be used to inform, influence, respond, and advocate, on the topic of housing at the local, regional and State level;

WHEREAS, the overall approach identifies and addresses common areas of concern, while recognizing that each city can and will continue to pursue individual areas of interest that are specific to their community's needs;

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2019, the Contra Costa County Mayors and Councilmembers met to discuss the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Pablo met on May 6, 2019 to consider and discuss the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. The Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework is hereby supported on matters related to housing legislation.

Section 2. The Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' may from time-to-time revisit the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' Housing and Policy Framework to ensure that the approaches and topics discussed within the report remain relevant and appropriate.

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ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2019, by the following votes:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pineda, Xavier, Cruz and Kinney
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Pabon-Alvarado
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Patricia Ponce
Patricia Ponce, City Clerk

/s/ Rich Kinney
Rich Kinney, Mayor