



Legislation Text

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Resolution authorizing up to two members of the City Council to submit an argument in favor of a proposed ballot measure seeking voter authorization for the City of South San Francisco to develop, construct, or acquire affordable, low-rent housing units pursuant to Article XXXIV of the California Constitution and to submit a rebuttal argument if an argument against the measure is filed.

WHEREAS, Article XXXIV of the California Constitution (“Article 34”) was approved in 1950 and requires local voter approval before a “state public body” may develop, construct, or acquire a “low rent housing project;” and

WHEREAS, a city is considered a “state public body” under Article 34; and

WHEREAS, under Article 34, a “low rent housing project” means any urban or rural dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations for low income residents, financed in whole or in part by a federal, state, or local government, including supplying labor, guaranteeing payment of liens, or other forms of financing; and

WHEREAS, the City’s State mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation includes affordable housing goals as described in the City’s certified Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition, development, and construction of low-income housing is consistent with the City’s General Plan, including its Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the public interest would be well served by asking the voters of South San Francisco to authorize the City to develop, construct, and/or acquire affordable, decent, and safe rental housing for low-income persons, including seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans, in an amount up to 1% of the total number of existing housing units existing in the City of South San Francisco annually for an eight (8) year period, with any year’s unused units being carried over each year; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of the ballot measure does not increase taxes, has no fiscal impact, and does not grant approval for any specific project, as each project would go through the public review process; and

WHEREAS, voter approval of the ballot measure is not a commitment to undertake any specific project; and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting on July 27, 2022, the City Council adopted a resolution submitting to the voters a measure pursuant to Article XXXIV that would authorize the City to develop, construct, or acquire low-income rental housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of South San Francisco that Councilmember Coleman and Councilmember Addiego are hereby authorized to file a written argument, not to exceed three hundred (300) words, in favor of the proposed measure, on behalf of the City Council. At the discretion of the member(s) of the City Council authorized to file the argument, the argument may also be signed by members of the City Council or bona fide associations or by individual voters who are eligible to vote. In the event that an argument is filed against the measure, the member(s) of the City Council authorized to file an argument, is/are also authorized to file a rebuttal argument, not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) words, on behalf of the City Council. The rebuttal argument may also be signed by members of the City Council or bona fide associations or by individual voters who are eligible to vote, who are not required to be the same five people to signed the argument in favor of the measure.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of South San Francisco held the 22nd day of June 2022.

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