



Staff Report

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**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**DATE:** 06/05/2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** City Manager's Office

**SUBJECT:**

MAYOR RICHINS' REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER SENDING A COMMENT LETTER TO STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS ADDRESSING THE STATE'S PREEMPTION OF LOCAL HOUSING CONTROL

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report asks the City Council to provide direction on Mayor Richin's request to distribute a letter to all members of the California State Legislature discussing the state of California's interference with local land use control and development.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the City Council** provide direction to staff on distributing a letter to all members of the California State Legislature discussing the state of California's interference with local land use control and development

**BACKGROUND & HISTORY:**

Mayor Richins submitted an agenda item request to have staff prepare a comment letter to the California State Legislature outlining the City's concerns on the lack of local discretion, decision-making, and land use control regarding housing development and the state's requirements and regulations for meeting housing.

**ANALYSIS:**

The request for a comment letter is supported by the City's Legislative Platform, Section 4-Housing Reform. Staff anticipates that this item will take up to 20 hours to complete and finalize for dissemination. Should the Council proceed with this request, staff will return this item to the next Council meeting.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

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This action is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may substantially affect the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action seeks direction from the Council regarding distributing a letter and thus has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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**Attachments:**

1. Exhibit 1 - Future Agenda Item Request