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Statewide Legislative Efforts Related to Streamlining Affordable Housing Approvals
Relates to Item 3

Governor Brown has initiated an effort to “Streamline Affordable Housing Approvals” with the objective of expediting the development of affordable housing – a critical effort needs to address our homelessness crisis. However, the current proposal should be refined to enable entitlement and environmental reviews to be expedited, rather than eliminated, in order to ensure that local governments maintain an appropriate level of land-use authority, which is critical in promoting the development of affordable housing in a manner that uplifts and is synergistic with the surrounding community.

The current version of the bill also provides no protection from displacement for tenants that may live on sites that are identified for redevelopment, nor does it create any protection for existing affordable housing that might occupy the sites of these proposed “by right” projects. A legislative solution to strengthen the delivery of affordable housing should consider the potential displacement of existing affordable housing units, in order to ensure that there is ultimately a net gain in affordable units and not unintentionally exacerbate our homelessness crisis.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to **also advocate that any expedited form of review only be available to projects that do not ultimately result in the significant displacement of existing low and moderate income residents or a net loss of existing affordable housing that could potentially further exacerbate our homelessness crisis.**

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