

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2018

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY TO FURTHER EXPLORE FORMING A REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION SUBREGION FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY, AND FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County has one of the most expensive housing markets in the country; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing creates a significant financial burden for families and households, especially for those that are lower income, makes it difficult for employees to live where they work, adds to regional traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, and impacts long-term environmental and economic sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the high cost of housing and the lack of sufficient housing supply is a regional concern, which requires a regional response and all jurisdictions to work together to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, Housing Element Law (Gov. Code Sections 65580 - 65589.8) provides for a Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) process; and

WHEREAS, to implement such an RHNA process in the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California has delegated to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) responsibility to adopt an allocation methodology, then use the adopted methodology to assign to each jurisdiction in the Bay Area the obligation to zone enough housing development capacity to accommodate production of a specific number of housing units during the period from 2023 through 2031; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65584.03 provides that certain combinations of local governments may form a subregion to perform RHNA for themselves in order to allocate among themselves the total number of housing units assigned to them collectively by ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County has directed the review of the benefits of such a subregion, and subsequently, representatives of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) have formed a committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the importance of and opportunities for success

through shared housing strategies, which could be facilitated by a subregional effort; and

WHEREAS, through mutual cooperation and planning, the production of these housing units may be enhanced through collective efforts and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the CASCC to further explore forming a regional housing needs allocation subregion for Santa Clara County, and for the City to participate in those discussions.

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