



AL COUNCILMAN
8TH DISTRICT
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Date: September 7, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Fifth District

Subject: Opposition to SB 9 and SB 10

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommendation to request City Manager to communicate the City of Long Beach's opposition to Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 to our state legislative delegation and Governor's office, expressing our serious concerns and urging a veto, if necessary.

BACKGROUND:

On July 20, the City Council voted to request the City Manager to assess the likely citywide impacts of SB 9 and SB 10, and report back to the State Legislation Committee.

The State Legislation Committee received a report from City staff regarding the potential impacts if these two bills should become law. While the committee members expressed ongoing concerns with this legislation, the City Attorney's office opined that the committee agenda's stated recommended action did not allow for the committee to vote on making a recommendation to the full City Council, per the Brown Act.

Given the time sensitivity, as both of these bills are nearing the completion of the legislative process, it is important for the full City Council to consider this recommended action at this time. The last day for the Legislature to vote on bills is September 10, and the Governor then has until October 10 to sign or veto any legislation that reaches his desk.

Long Beach has been working continuously to update our City's zoning, policies and ordinances to facilitate the construction and rehabilitation of additional housing, including affordable and workforce housing. However, SB 9 and SB 10 are not consistent with the efforts that our City has been undertaking, including significant public outreach and engagement, to facilitate the development of new, affordable housing, while maintaining the integrity and character of our neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Financial Management review was able to be conducted due to the time sensitivity of this item.