



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 2, 2021  
**TO:** Christine Daniel, City Manager  
**FROM:** Charles Bryant, Community Development Director  
**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Confirming The City Of Emeryville As A Sponsor Of SB 591 State Legislation Concerning Intergenerational Housing, And Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Letter Of Support**

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-entitled Resolution that confirms the City of Emeryville is a sponsor of legislation submitted in the California Senate, SB 591, to support the development of intergenerational housing, and authorizing Mayor Martinez to sign a letter of support for that legislation.

### BACKGROUND

As reflected by the project selected by the City Council for the property at 4300 San Pablo Avenue, the City is interested in the development of intergenerational affordable housing projects in Emeryville. In order to address some potential issues related to that project type, the City's lobbyist, Townsend Public Affairs, has been working with Council Member Bauters in pursuit of legislation relating to financing of intergenerational affordable housing. The following state legislative offices have been briefed on the proposed bill:

- Senator Skinner
- Senator Becker
- Assembly Member Wicks
- Assembly Member Bonta
- Assembly Member Berman
- Assembly Member Luz Rivas
- Assembly Member Robert Rivas
- Assembly Speaker's Office
- Assembly Housing Committee staff

The team has also been actively speaking with affordable housing developers, neighboring cities, and others with an interest in this legislation. The deadline for introduction of legislation for the 2021 session is Friday, February 19.

Senator Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park) agreed to author the legislation referenced above and has submitted the necessary language. The assigned bill number is SB 591. In addition, the legislative delegation representing the City of Emeryville has expressed support.

## **DISCUSSION**

This report recommends that the City Council approve a Resolution confirming that the City is a sponsor of SB 591, the legislation submitted by Senator Becker. This enables City representatives to speak on behalf of the bill when it is considered by state Legislative Committees. Additionally, the Resolution specifically authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter of support.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to supporting the proposed legislation.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

The City's team has contacted members of the state legislature, representatives in other interested cities, and non-profit housing developers about this measure.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which confirms that the City of Emeryville is a sponsor of SB 591, legislation submitted in the California Senate to support the development of intergenerational housing, and authorizing Mayor Martinez to sign a letter of support for that legislation

**PREPARED BY:** Chadrick Smalley, Economic Development and Housing Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Christine Daniel, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENT**

- Draft Resolution
- SB 591 State Legislation Text