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CITY COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2026

To: Cupertino City Council

From: Kirsten Squarcia, Deputy City Manager

Re: UPDATED - Cal Cities General Assembly Approves Resolution on Local Housing and Land Use Authority

Background

On September 25, 2026, at the League of California Cities Annual Conference, delegates approved Resolution No. 1, directing Cal Cities to consider establishing a statewide working group to evaluate legislative and policy solutions that could strengthen local authority over housing and land use decisions. The resolution calls for legal and policy analysis, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy for additional affordable housing funding, while preserving the State's role in setting housing goals and enforcing fair housing, civil rights, safety, and environmental standards.

The resolution was submitted by the City of Murrieta and approved by both the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee and the Resolutions Committee before being considered by the General Assembly. The adopted language supports evaluating strategies related to local control over matters such as general plans, housing elements, zoning, density, design and development standards, project siting, and housing development approvals. The resolution also encourages Cal Cities to engage cities and stakeholders in developing recommendations for future consideration.

The resolution was approved by the General Assembly on September 25, 2026, by the following voice vote: Ayes: 262, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1 (*updated after receiving final vote count confirmation from Cal Cities representative*). In December 2025, Council designated Mayor Kitty Moore to serve as the primary voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference. According to Mayor Moore, the vote reflected broad support from cities throughout California and marked the first concerted effort on this issue to gain significant backing across a diverse range of communities. For Cupertino, the preservation of local authority is a Council legislative priority as adopted in the [2026 Legislative Platform](#). To view the resolution and more General Assembly information, visit the [Cal Cities webpage](#).

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

City Work Program (CWP) Item/Description

None

Council Goal(s):

Public Engagement and Transparency

TBD Item:

No

California Environmental Quality Act

The proposed action does not constitute a “project” subject to CEQA

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Attachments:

None