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December 22, 2021

To: Santa Barbara City Council

Re: **Postponed Council Consent Item #14, December 14, 2021 Agenda.** Adoption Of Resolution Authorizing Application To And Participation In The California Department of Housing And Community Development Prohousing Designation Program

As you know, the above referenced Consent item was postponed. Allied Neighborhoods Association requests that this item, when it comes back, be a non-Consent item. The Council and the public deserve a full staff presentation on the Prohousing Designation Program under consideration.

The Staff Recommendation on December 14th was to adopt a Resolution authorizing application and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program. We would venture to say members of the public, and maybe some or most Council members, do not have the needed familiarity with the details and required commitments of this Program. The Council Agenda Report did not include enough details to fully understand the required commitments.

And, how does this fit with the ongoing FAR/Multi-unit Housing Standards discussions and work effort? (postponed to early February 2022, Recommendations C, D and E, 12/14/21 Council Agenda Item #30) As one example, the Draft FAR Map includes downzoning of a small area on lower De La Vina (proposed Lower De La Vina historic district) and area on lower Castillo (proposed Castillo Street historic district). Would this be precluded from happening with the Prohousing Designation Program?

What about the City's Legislative Platform and retaining local control?

What about the update to the City's General Plan PEIR, underway but not completed? *"On August 17, 2021, Council authorized a contract with Rincon Consultants, Inc., to update the City's General Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The update will serve as the environmental review for the Climate Action Plan and proposed FAR standards. The update will analyze the environmental impacts and infrastructure needs of buildout scenarios that include the FAR standards, accessory dwelling unit regulations, and new Senate*

Bill 9 density allowances. The PEIR work is anticipated to be complete by late 2022."
(12/14/21 Council Agenda Report, Item #30, pg. 2)

There's a lot more for everyone to know about the Prohousing Designation Program.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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