

Minutes of CASA Coalition

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 10:23:26 PM PST, JoElle Hernandez <bioarc@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi All,

Good meeting this evening to kick off our pursuit to maintain control of our City!
Thanks to Liz for this call to action and Audrey for hosting this evening.

Some notes from our discussion:

Be present tomorrow, Friday, 2/22/19, at 9 am at the City Council Priority Setting Session in Orchard City Banquet Hall to express concerns over the impending legislation coming from the State.

1. We want a website (or a place on the City's website) addressing current housing legislation
2. There is NO definition of who comprises the Enterprise Institute (the body that is mandating the collection of revenue from cities)
3. There is NO oversight or transparency on how this \$ will be used once it is collected
4. We want the City to pursue legislation/ballot measure to fight the State mandated housing laws that take away City control
5. These kinds of laws obliterate City boundaries and punish residents for a problem they did NOT create - the increase in jobs is creating the problem
6. These laws create a "one shoe fits the whole state" when there are many communities that cannot afford pay for these housing increases, let alone support the increases in infrastructure like schools, hospitals, police, fire, and resources like water that we are already rationing in this state
7. As housing increases along transit corridors it basically punishes residents for having those corridors nearby and for wanting things like the Light Rail to reduce congestion
8. Many of the "Funding Sources" to implement housing and the housing mandates from the State don't even address the most fundamental issue of AFFORDABLE HOUSING in the Bay Area. They simply mandate that more housing is built without concern for parking, traffic, or any of the stresses this puts on the Cities and their infrastructure.
9. The Council should see that all of these mandates are taking away the City's power as to how they control housing stock and what the City is going to look like.
10. If the the Council is going to do nothing about this - then we don't need them. Aren't they supposed to be representing their constituents?

Some other action items to pursue:

Letter writing campaigns to City Council(s), Legislators, City's Association of Santa Clara Co.

Have someone keep up with and send out updates on legislation

Contact all heads of Neighborhood groups and update them

Do survey through Nextdoor

Contact Mills Act owners - impact on property taxes and contracts

Start petitions?

Become familiar with CASA Compact, "Enterprise Institute", legislation

Connect with LA Opposition and other opposition groups

Feel free to add to this - it's just off the top of my head. :)

Thanks!

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