

January 31, 2022

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2179  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: ACA 7 (Muratsuchi) Local Government: Land Use and Zoning  
Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi,

The City of La Quinta **strongly supports your ACA 7**, which amends the California Constitution to specify that actions by a charter city or county related to zoning, development, or land use would be a municipal affair, and prevail over conflicting State laws. Local laws would become enforceable over currently conflicting State laws such as Senate Bill 9 (SB 9). Zoning and land use laws enacted by local voter initiatives would override both local governing body and State laws. Additionally, this amendment would prohibit the State from modifying how it appropriates funding, or providing funding preference, to cities and counties regardless of conformity with State laws on zoning and land use.

La Quinta thoroughly reviews and emphasizes the importance of maximizing housing with developers. With over 1,300 units, La Quinta continues to lead the way in developing affordable housing in the Coachella Valley. State laws such as SB 9 eliminate the hard work this Council and Councils before have achieved. We review our policies annually and engage in extensive public reviews. La Quinta remains committed to be a part of the solution and do what is best for all our residents, of all income levels, by adhering to our General Plan and Housing Element.

ACA 7 is exactly what California's cities and counties need to continue planning for housing, public safety, and infrastructure within their boundaries that meet the needs of their residents. La Quinta is fully aware of the housing crisis and is in constant collaboration with regional partners, local developers, property owners, builders, homeowners, and community members prior to increasing density in our residential zones. This amendment gives zoning and land use control, with few exceptions, back to the local government agency to plan and zone for what is best for our community.

La Quinta prides itself in its planning and zoning, housing development, and citizen engagement. Only local agencies will know the true impact of increasing density in the residential zones within their borders. Let them continue to review and regulate housing development and land use in accordance with established laws and ordinances.

For these reasons, the City of La Quinta **strongly supports** ACA 7. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Linda Evans, Mayor  
City of La Quinta

CC: Senator Melissa Melendez, Senate District 28  
Assembly Member Chad Mayes, Assembly District 42  
Members of the City of La Quinta Council  
League of California Cities