

April 9, 2025

The Honorable Matt Haney
Chair, CA State Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
1020 N Street, Room 156
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1061 (Quirk Silva) Housing developments: urban lot splits: historical resources.

Dear Chari Haney,

The City of Hawthorne opposes AB 1061 (Quirk-Silva), which would require the city to approve ministerially, without condition or discretion, a housing development containing two residential units on an individual parcel in single-family zones unless they are not located on a historical landmark. Such broad stroked approach, without consideration of specific location and the existing density is not a well thought out solution to the housing crisis.

AB 1061, as currently drafted, will not spur much-needed housing construction in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision-making and community input. State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Housing elements require local jurisdictions to analyze how historic preservation impacts development and requires cities to contend with balancing the jurisdiction's housing demands while maintaining community history and feel. This measure would overrule local planning departments' diligent work balancing these equally essential issues.

Enclosed is a City of Hawthorne's Resolution No. 8520, which formally opposes AB 1061 as another attempt to usurp local authority.

Sincerely,

Alex Vargas,
Mayor, City of Hawthorne

Katrina Manning
Mayor Pro Tem

Angie Reyes English
Councilmember

Faye Johnson
Councilmember

Alex Monteiro
Councilmember

Encl.

