

**RESOLUTION NO. 8520**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL  
1061 (QUIRK-SILVA)**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, SB 9, the California HOME Act was passed by the state legislature that streamlined the development of duplexes and small scale lot splits in lots zoned for single family; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 9 contained an exception for lots in “historical districts”; and

**WHEREAS**, the author and supporters of AB 1061 opined that local agencies opposed to SB 9 have abused the historical districts exception to block new housing; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1061 amends California Government Code sections 65852.21 and 66411.7 by replacing “historical district” with “historical landmark” as an exception to SB 9; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1061 would therefore allow SB 9 lot splits and duplex developments in lots in historical districts if does not demolish an existing historic structures; and

**WHEREAS**, AB 1061 is another proposal from Sacramento that seeks to take away local control of land use; and

**WHEREAS**, bills such as AB 1061 may have been intended to increase the number of housing in the state but lacks the public input, the knowledge of the local land use in the decision making and unique characteristics of local zoning laws; and

**WHEREAS**, League of California Cities opposes AB 1061,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne does hereby find, determine and order as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein and finds that they are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California formally expresses an opposition to Assembly Bill 1061 entitled, “Housing development: urban lot splits: historical resources” and join Cal Cities by issuing a letter, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” to be sent to Sacramento along with this resolution.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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**ALEX VARGAS, Mayor**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**ROBERT M. KIM, City Attorney**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**