

San Diego City Council
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear; Council President La Cava and San Diego City Council

Subject: Support City Council Motion to Align the City of San Diego Bonus Program with State Law

The Peninsula Community Planning Board, strongly supports the City Council's motion of January 30, 2024, directing City staff to return within 60 days with a proposal to align the City of San Diego's Bonus ADU program with State law.

The current ADU Bonus Program has resulted in multi-stacked, apartment-like complexes being built in single-family neighborhoods throughout the city. While we recognize the need for increasing affordable housing, the ADU Bonus program is being stretched to extremes and negatively impacting single-family communities citywide. Our single-family neighborhoods were never designed or built with the infrastructure needed to accommodate such dense developments. The result is a detrimental effect on our community's parks, parking, infrastructure, and the quality of life.

The ADU Bonus Program incentivizes developers to place 6 to 18 units or more in single-family backyards. These overcrowded developments are severely straining our community's resources and infrastructure, including essential services such as libraries and parks, which are already underfunded. Reduced or waived Development Impact Fees do not mitigate the growth and impact on services and infrastructure which require taxpayers to subsidize developers who exploit our communities. This program is not accounted for in our community plans and is creating a burden on already limited resources and services.

Moreover, our single-family zoned water supply and reservoirs were not designed to support the demands of large, multi-stacked ADU units, leaving our neighborhoods vulnerable to large fires and increased wildfire risk. The current program will overextend the capacity of our infrastructure and leave our neighborhoods exposed to unnecessary risks.

We believe it is essential to balance the goals of affordable housing and preserving the quality of life in our communities through thoughtful planning and attention to infrastructure. The ADU Bonus Program, does not provide this balance, but negatively impacts communities. We urge the City Council to act in addressing the negative impacts of the ADU Bonus Program. Aligning the program with state law will assist in ensuring that growth is sustainable, and that community resources and infrastructure are not overburdened.

The Peninsula Community Planning Board strongly supports City Council's motion and urges the City Council to repeal the ADU Bonus Program and the negative impacts it has to communities Citywide.

Sincerely

Chair, Fred Kosmo Jr.

Peninsula Community Planning Board

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