May 29, 2019

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Mike Morrell
Vice Chair, Senate Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SCA 1 (Allen) – SPONSORSHIP from the City of Los Angeles

Dear Chair Wiener and Vice Chair Morrell,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, we are pleased to sponsor SCA 1 (Allen) and respectfully request your support when this bill is heard in your committee. If approved by the legislature, this amendment will ask the voters of California to repeal Article 34 of the California Constitution, which requires cities to submit low-income housing projects that utilize public funds to a public referendum.

Article 34 was added to the California Constitution in 1950 and required voter approval for the expenditure of public funds on low-income rental housing projects. This provision adds additional impediments to the creation of much-needed affordable housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods and disadvantages low-income families from securing housing stability. Article 34 is a vestige of California’s segregationist past and must be removed from our State’s constitution.

For these reasons, the City of Los Angeles is pleased to sponsor and support SCA 1 (Allen). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senate District 26
Honorable Members and Consultants, Senate Housing Committee