

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment; Andrea Chelemengos](#)
Subject: Fw: please read this statement for Agenda item #15 June 22 meeting
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:32:21 AM

On October 21, 2020 council member Lynette Lee Eng invited City Council candidates to join her in her fight to protect our single family neighborhoods.

Councilmember Jonathan Weinberg, a candidate at the time, supported Ms. Lee Eng's call to action and was quoted by the Town Crier, "To join Lee Eng in her fight to protect our neighborhoods, what civically minded person wouldn't want to do that?"

Now we've learned that Mr. Weinberg is advocating to support SB9 --legislation that will destroy our single family neighborhoods.

Why is Weinberg proposing a yes for SB9? What research led him to this conclusion?

He has not polled the citizens of Los Altos for their views on SB 9, and there has been NO neighborhood engagement for this issue.

SB9 does not provide for any affordable housing and will only destroy our neighborhoods.

Los Altos residents do not want SB9 and the City Council should oppose it.

thank you Terri Couture

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Fw: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 15- JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:07:22 PM

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I went out in my yard and measured 4 feet from the property line to see how close new homes could be under SB9. That's really close. Depending on how big the house is, it would cut off the sun. I like Los Altos because it's like living in the country and I have my own space to garden and sit outside. But I would lose a lot of privacy if they built new houses so close to my yard. With one house on a lot there's room for people to have gardens and for children to play and people to let their dogs run around. I don't know if there's a limit to the size of a lot that SB9 allows to be split, but if it's not big enough it's going to be a tight squeeze for four houses. This is not a good idea and I think you should say no.

Thank you,

Tinaselene



LOS ALTOS RESIDENTS

June 20, 2021

Los Altos City Council
1 N San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM #15**
Petition asking Los Altos City Council to OPPOSE SB9

Dear Mayor Fligor, Vice Mayor Enander, Council Members Lee Eng, Meadow and Weinberg:

Los Altos Residents recently forwarded a petition to Los Altos asking for their signatures if they oppose SB9 and want you, their elected representatives to stand in opposition to SB9. The petition is set out below for your information along with comments that were submitted.

I am writing to report the number of people who have signed this petition as of Sunday evening, June 20:

432 people have signed this petition asking you to OPPOSE SB9.

I will call into the Public Comments on Item #15 at the Tuesday Council Meeting to provide you with an update of the number of signatures obtained by Tuesday at 7:00pm.

We urge you abide by the wishes of your constituents and vote to OPPOSE SB9. Thank you for your consideration.

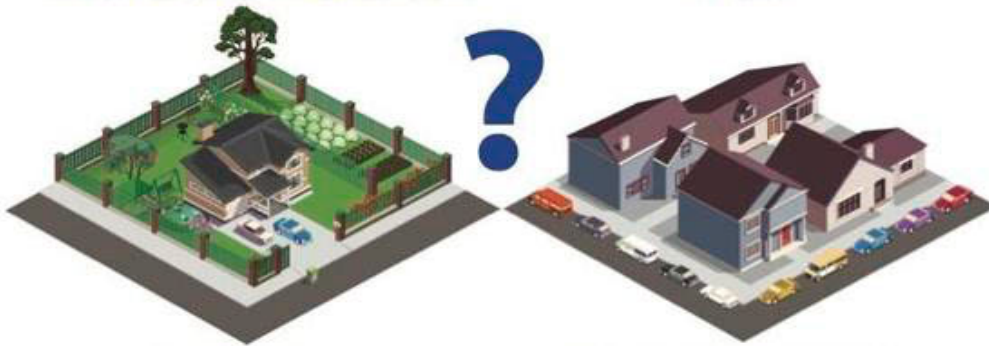
Sincerely,

Freddie Wheeler
Steering Committee Member
www.LosAltosResidents.org

Say good-bye to single family neighborhoods

Will the house next door be this?

Or this?



We, the undersigned residents of Los Altos, OPPOSE SB 9, which would eliminate single-family neighborhoods throughout California.

SB9 would allow four homes to be built where only one exists today.

Cities would be forced to approve splitting single-family lots in two, with two houses on each lot and only 4-foot side and rear setbacks required.

A boon to developers and the real estate industry, these bills ignore

§ Increased demand on schools, parks, water, sewers, power grid, public safety personnel

§ Traffic and parking requirements

§ Privacy, backyards, trees and personal green space.

§ Environmental impacts, including air quality and noise

§ Our right to determine local zoning through duly-elected representatives

SB9 does not require or provide for any affordable housing for teachers, emergency responders and service workers – all essential to the well-being of our community.

For more details on SB9, please visit [Housing Bills](#)

Los Altos Petition Comments as of 6-20-21 4:30 pm

Postal Code	Comment Date	Comment
94022	6/12/2021	"this is horrible legislation that will do great damage to our community."
94022	6/14/2021	"I oppose this sledgehammer, "zoning from on high" as opposed to thoughtful and careful local control. It takes decades to plan and build a city to be desirable, functional, and orderly but it will take just one sledgehammer (this one) to gut all that we have worked for. Please oppose state-wide zoning that strips cities and citizens of their rights to implement affordable housing plans."
94022	6/14/2021	"I like the spacious community we now live in."

94022	6/20/2021	"I am signing this because I don't believe a High Density concept is in keeping with a Town & Country town/neighborhood. The idea of high density throughout the State, as a one-fits-all fix, for the housing problem is Stoopid (Yes, that's Stupid with two oo's)."
94024	6/12/2021	"We bought our property as it was and it seems wrong for laws to pass that could change that."
94024	6/14/2021	"Keep our neighborhoods with single family homes!"
94024	6/14/2021	"We want to keep our town a green town, not a town of multiple buildings creating pollution in noise, air, traffic, and people. Most important mental health!"
94024	6/14/2021	"If I wanted to live in a crowded environment, I would have purchased a home/condo in a city like Oakland, Berkeley, or San Francisco. I don't want to live "cheek by jowl" with my neighbors. My husband and I worked hard, sacrificed and saved to be able to purchase our home in Los Altos. We wouldn't have made this purchase if we knew the rug would be pulled out from under us by the State. KEEP our zoning in the hands of our LOCAL GOVERNMENT where we the residents and tax payers have a say."
94024	6/15/2021	"Do not give up our power. I don't want to live in a high density community. I want the "Job Creators" to take some financial responsibility for the housing crisis."
94024	6/16/2021	"I want Los Altos to remain the neighborhood that we chose for our family."
94024	6/16/2021	"I'm opposed to getting rid of single family lots"
94024	6/16/2021	"I like my neighborhood the way it is."
94024	6/19/2021	"I support single family houses to be built in Los Altos lots. I'd like to preserve the current characteristics of our city. Thank you for listening."
94024	6/19/2021	"I'm signing this bill for all the of items listed. This bill would destroy whole neighborhoods and make this state unlivable while not providing housing for low income. My husband would like to sign this too but is traveling."
94022	6/17/2021	"I would like a solution for affordable housing, not SB9 that does not provide affordable housing and that does not fund transportation and infrastructure changes that are needed to support an increase in housing density. SB9 would put money in the pockets of developers without helping those who need affordable housing. The argument that the more housing is built, the more housing costs will go down, is theoretically true perhaps, but not realistic given that this area will always demand a high price for housing."
94022	6/19/2021	"bogus arguments, not efficient as a change to make more housing, costly for housing starts. It really looks like the real estate industry is putting their funds behind this. Makes single family homeowners scapegoats for problems that they didn't create. Mass hysteria. Wrong time to make more changes."
94024	6/16/2021	"Because developers will not build affordable housing but instead, expensive, high end tiny homes."
94024	6/17/2021	"We should all enjoy the opportunity to live apart from the noise and crowding of compressed living quarters."
94024	6/17/2021	"We are against SB9. While we are for more affordable housing in CA, SB9 will not benefit neighborhoods and communities."
94024	6/19/2021	"Please read U.N. Agenda '21 (also U.N. Agenda 2030). Describes the plan that we see developing all around us, everywhere."



LOS ALTOS RESIDENTS

June 19, 2021

Los Altos City Council
1 N San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: OPPOSE SB9

Dear Mayor Fligor, Vice Mayor Enander, Council Members Lee Eng, Meadow and Weinberg:

We write to urge you to oppose SB9. SB9 has no mandate or provisions for affordable housing and will increase the cost of land thereby making it even more difficult to build affordable housing.

SB9 will allow for a huge increase in the population in areas that are already overpopulated. This bill will allow at least four times the number of people that once populated a single-family lot and even more with the additions of ADUs.

SB9 leaves cities with the entire burden of paying for the additional infrastructure required by the resulting increase in population. We already pay the highest taxes in the USA. Where is the money coming from to pay for the upgrades to our sewers and roads, for more schools, police, firefighters, and hospitals that this increase in population will require?

Water!!!! It is reckless and irresponsible to allow companies to expand the number of jobs by the tens of thousands and then demand that more homes be built to house these new employees when we cannot provide enough water for our current population.

The electrical grid is unable to handle the current load. When temperatures rise, we are threatened with rolling blackouts due to the electrical grid's lack of capacity. Have you ever been on the top floor of a three-story building in the middle of a hot summer day? Opening the windows is not a viable solution! Adding denser housing with 4-foot setbacks that leave no room for shade trees or green space will create more demand for air conditioning and place an even greater burden on the electrical grid. Will we have a catastrophic failure of our electrical grid like the one Texas just barely escaped?

Finally, the Council and the City as a whole has done absolutely NO outreach to determine the whether the majority of its constituents want the Council to support or oppose SB9. This bill is one of the most significant bills that have been considered in decades. It will have an enormous impact on the quality of life in California. It is unconscionable that our elected officials, both state and local, have not at least reached out to their constituents for their views. If it is considered at all, SB9 belongs on the ballot in November 2022.

We urge you to vote to OPPOSE SB9. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Freddie Wheeler
Steering Committee Member
www.LosAltosResidents.org

June 21, 2021

Mayor Fligor and Members of the City Council
City Hall
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Re: Council Meeting June 22, Item 15 Legislative Subcommittee Update

Dear Mayor Fligor and Members of the City Council:

I am on the committee of the League of Women Voters California (LWVC) that analyzes legislative housing bills and I studied both SB 9 and AB 1401. I agree with the LWVC which supports both [SB 9](#) and [AB 1401](#) as a means to increase the supply of safe, decent, adequate housing for all Californians.

I agree with the positions presented by Councilmember Weinberg supporting SB 9 and AB 1401. SB 9 is a form of “gentle” density, a method of providing some middle-income housing.

I also want to correct a statement in the Vice-Mayor’s Summary of SB 9. She states “There is an option to build a single home with ADU and/or JDU on either or both splits...” [SB 9 allows the local agency to limit a parcel after a lot split to two units maximum per parcel.](#) SB 9 reads “Notwithstanding....a local agency shall not be required to permit more than two units on a parcel created through the exercise of the authority contained within this section (i.e. Sec. 66411.7 governing lot splits) and “Unit” is defined as “including...a primary dwelling, an accessory dwelling...or a junior accessory dwelling unit.”

AB 1401 would free up more land for housing units, rather than required parking, by prohibiting local governments from imposing minimum parking requirements near transit. Developers can still provide as much parking as they deem appropriate; some cities have eliminated parking minimums near transit and San Francisco has eliminated them citywide, but some developers still opt to provide parking based upon perceived need.

The Council has spent much time deliberating State legislation, especially SB 9, with more than 20 State bills listed on the Council’s June 22nd agenda for possible consideration. Meanwhile, the Council has deferred action for several years on many local housing issues, such as housing impact fees and review of the inclusionary zoning ordinance, where I believe Council action could have more direct impact on affordable housing.

Sue Russell, Los Altos Resident of 45 years

Cc: Brad Kilger

Jon Biggs

From: Anne Malcolm [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2021 11:00 PM
To: Andrea Chelemengos <achelemengos@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Public comment Agenda Item 15 - June 22, 2021

Dear Honorable Los Altos City Council,

The nature and zoning of cities and towns are the business of the residents who live in them and and pay the taxes. It is a local matter for the people to form the character and appearance of each unique community.

I strongly oppose SB9 as it violates our State Constitution which clearly gives local government the authority to “make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs.” SB9 strips power from our elected officials. Single family homes form the most stable towns. SB9 violates our State Constitution, results in school overcrowding, increases traffic, removes accountability from local authorities and drastically changes our unique town character.

Sacramento cannot and should not design our towns. Please vote NO to SB9.

Thank you,

A. Malcolm

June 21, 2021

Dear Council Members and Staff

Our city is under attack by state regulators that want to dictate higher density housing in Los Altos and every other city in California that will destroy our quality of life.

There are two radical state mandates that you need to thoroughly before blindly accepting:

- (1) The RHNA draft demands for 1,958 new affordable housing units which requires us to identify the land needed to reach this target. Is this need really justified or practical? Other towns are opposing their mandates so why can't we? If we must, please ask the city staff to identify public owned lands and/or commercial property for this purpose before spending any money or more time on this task. I think once you consider the facts it will become obvious that the council should appeal RHNA demands to better fit the needs of our community.
- (2) State Bills SB9 and SB10 that will take away local zoning laws supposedly protected by our state constitution and allow every residential lot to be split in two and then build 2 homes on each lot. Not to mention increasing ADU's from 1-2. Creating smaller residential lots with twice as much density on each in my opinion can only be met by creating multi-story high rise buildings. I do not want this to happen on my court and can reasonably assume that the vast majority of residents do not want to see this outcome. Before calling me a NIMBY remember that the reason I purchased my home in Los Altos was because of the larger lots and lower density that created our village concept.

Which council members if any, may benefit from either of the above actions? If so, shouldn't they be recused?

Scott Spielman submitted his public input on the questions you should address that I fully support.

Respectfully,

Frank Martin

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: No on SB9 Division of properties
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:02:31 PM

Hello, and thank you for considering my wishes to not allow the division of Single Family zoned properties in CA.
Please vote NO on this!
Lynley Kerr Hogan

**Love, Compassion,
Forgiveness, and Gratitude**

Sent with [ProtonMail](#) Secure Email.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Please don't listen to the hysterical opposition to SB9
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 8:47:04 PM

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and City Council Members: I am writing in response to the mounting hysteria from some local groups about SB9, which they claim will be the "end of single-family neighborhoods." As I am sure you know, this is simply false. SB9 would not, in fact, result in a change to Los Altos single family zoning, or even force an increase in allowed FAR. It would simply allow, for example, two 2,000 square-foot single family homes where today a single 4,000 square foot house could be built.

Our community is full of seniors who would love to downsize but don't want to leave the community they love. Allowing the construction of smaller infill dwelling units is a net positive, as we have seen with ADUs. The council should in fact be looking for more ways to enable more small dwelling units, and I hope you will do so.

Thank you,
Bryan Johnson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEM 15 - JUNE 22, 2021 NO on SB9 and SB10
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:57:01 PM

Mayor Fligor and Council Members:

Our state constitution gives local government authority to “make and enforce all ordinances and regulations in respect to municipal affairs.” That includes the right to define our communities through zoning and planning.

SB9 would take away that right and end single-family neighborhoods throughout California.

It would take away your right to represent your constituency and force you to allow:

- Lot splits: one lot becomes two.
- Two homes on each lot: one home becomes four (and could be more with ADUs).
- Four-foot setbacks side and rear: no privacy, no backyards, no green space.
- Approval without CEQA: no environmental review of a project’s impact on neighbors.

The increased demand on infrastructure means taxpayers will bear the cost of increased demand on schools, parks, water, sewers, power grid, public safety personnel.

The most important fact about SB9 is that it does not require or provide for any affordable housing for all our teachers, clerks, service workers and first responders who cannot afford to live here. **Neither does SB10.**

SB10 would override our 108-year-old constitutional right to pass ballot initiatives that politicians cannot undo. It would allow city councils – now and in the future – to overturn voter-approved initiatives that protect open space, shoreline, farmlands or any other public land, regardless of existing zoning or a city’s General Plan. A simple council vote could put 10-unit market-rate housing on any land deemed “urban infill,” “transit rich,” or “jobs rich.”

For the record, I am including an op-ed by Rishi Kumar, a Saratoga city councilman, which I hope you will take time to read prior to the council meeting on June 22nd.

Thank you,

Pat Marriott

<https://padailypost.com/2021/03/19/guest-opinion-sb9-sb10-the-kiss-of-death-for-neighborhoods/>

Guest Opinion: SB9, SB10 are the kiss of death for neighborhoods

[March 19, 2021 1:59 pm](#) GUEST OPINION BY RISHI KUMAR

Silicon Valley’s tech exodus is weighing California down. For California’s legislators, the solution is obvious — more housing! With some upcoming bills, state legislators are seeking to pre-empt local control and open the floodgates to no-holds-barred construction that would make California a

private developers dreamland.

Cha-ching!

This will not end well. There will be more housing, but the price of housing will continue to escalate; the population will spike; and massive traffic gridlock will ensue. The Valley's quality of life will go kaput. The mess will play out for decades as we try to fix it. In the end, we'll give up and say "just expand into the outlier cities," a crude method to deal with an unsustainable situation.

Two new bills, Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10, are geared to push housing on to cities in California. Hundreds of billions of dollars in Silicon Valley land value are at stake. If SB9 were approved, it would allow two units within each single-family lot in your city without a hearing or environmental reviews. And with accessory dwelling units and junior dwelling units, or ADUs and JDUs, you could effectively have six families living on each of today's lots; the population in every city could grow six times.

SB10 allows city councils to overturn voter-approved ballot initiatives that protect open space and land; essentially, it allows cities to approve 10-unit market-rate apartments almost anywhere, regardless of zoning.

Other implications of these bills:

- **A DEVELOPERS' GOLDEN GOOSE:** These bills will not require developers to invest in infrastructure improvement, rather only provide bare-minimum parking, avoiding costly entitlements. How will the current infrastructure — water, sewer, gas, roads — support the increased population? Who will make the necessary infrastructure investment?
- **WHERE IS THE URBAN PLAN?** Population expansion should be founded upon an urban plan with the requisite associated investment. The bills include no such plan and do nothing to address the overarching issue of growth that is environmentally unsustainable. There are so many urban centers throughout the world that inevitably discover they are running out of simple necessities like water in the midst of aggressive growth. Will Silicon Valley need to ration water too — like an hour in the morning and evening?
- **ACCELERATING CLIMATE CHANGE:** These bills are an environmental disaster and will disrupt open space. They allow developers to circumvent Environmental Impact Reviews and setback requirements, producing an urban concrete jungle! Our yards will become history, and the permeable surfaces that replenish groundwater will disappear under the footprint of massive buildings. If our rush hour commute turns into an uber "soul-destroying" commute, won't we exacerbate global warming, given that traffic is one of the primary causes?
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING?** These bills do not mandate affordable housing nor will they create trickle-down, equitable affordable housing. It is purely a myth that if we increase housing supply, rents will drop or homes will become affordable. Are developers interested in market economics that will drop housing prices? Has this happened anywhere before?

Be careful what you wish for Sacramento. Look at the urban nightmares around the world. Do we want to wish this upon the successful economies of California?

Can Sacramento holistically address the issues that are leading to the exodus of companies and our tax payers?

Pay heed to the League of California Cities's opposition to SB9 and many new citizen groups that have organized in opposition, while a poll by Voca.vote shows only 28% favoring SB9. Instead, we should pursue solutions such as investing in a cutting-edge transit system that connects 12 million people across the Northern California MegaRegion with Silicon Valley jobs, increasing the supply of affordable housing, creating a Mega Silicon Valley economy.

Let us come up with pragmatic plans that will preserve and protect the good that California has enjoyed for so long.

Rishi Kumar is a Silicon Valley high-tech executive, a Saratoga city councilman and a candidate for U.S Congress for the seat currently held by Anna Eshoo.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment; Andrea Chelemengos](#)
Subject: public comment agenda #15 June 22
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 12:06:24 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council

I think if the City Council wants to vote in favor of SB -9, they should start with the first block of Covington Rd. Those lots are close to acre lots, and the City could rezone them for high density housing. We could fit likely most of the RHNA numbers of homes, condos, and ADU's on that street, and its very close to town center and busing. The street is wide enough to allow for all those additional cars, and all the infrastructure could be put underground.

thank you for your consideration,

Shelly Cederstrong

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #15, JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 7:29:32 PM

This letter is in SUPPORT of SB9, and against any resolution by Los Altos that would oppose it.

SB9 is a much needed change to statewide policy for housing. It will allow Los Altans who are inclined to split lots to support more housing, increasing the supply of housing options for new families, and lowering the cost for some families. More importantly, if passed, it will benefit a huge majority of Californians, with no appreciable negative impact to Los Altos.

Most people seem to mistake the lack of “affordable” housing as an indictment of this plan, rather than evaluating it on a relative scale. At a time when 2500 square foot houses on 10,000 acre lots sell for \$3M+, it will be incredibly valuable to new families to have options that might be 20-50% cheaper due to smaller lot size and smaller houses (by square footage).

The economist Noah Smith explained the problem with housing affordability quite well in 2018, by showing that without new, high quality options, wealthy people buy up lower end properties, tear them down, and convert them into even more unaffordable options. We are seeing that in every Los Altos neighborhood. For example, in Old Los Altos Alley, we constantly see 2000 square foot houses torn down and replaced with 4000+ square foot houses. This eliminates smaller and less expensive options from the market.

<https://noahpinionblog.blogspot.com/2018/07/yimbyism-explained-without-supply-and.html>

Wealthy enclaves like Los Altos are sending a terrible message publicly when they oppose bills like SB9, which are statewide, demonstrating a lack of consideration for the needs of the entire state and an incredibly selfish tone for the minor changes it might introduce in our community.

Please support SB9, and do not approve any public resolution opposing it.

Adam

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #15, JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 7:36:23 AM

Dear Members of the Los Altos City Council,

We've lived in the Bay Area for more than three decades with more than two decades in Los Altos. We enjoy the mix of urban, suburban and rural living that the Bay Area, specifically Los Altos, has to offer.

We've read the text of SB 9 and oppose its support from our City. It takes away autonomy from cities, doesn't solve the lack of housing in the Bay Area or beyond, fills the coffers of developers who do not care about a neighborhood or the effects of density on current infrastructure nor does it provide low income housing in areas that need it. Proper urban re-planning on a state and local level is needed, not a one-stop chop shop approach.

We are opposed to SB9 and hope our City Council is too and gives that message to local representatives in Sacramento.

Thank you,
Monica Waldman
Oleg Kiselev

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #15, JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 2:53:47 PM

Dear Council members

I would like to express my opposition to SB 9. Every city has its own characteristic, state should let local elected officials to decide on municipal affairs, instead of mandating all neighborhoods be dictated by far away politicians. I strongly encourage our city leaderships to oppose SB 9.

Thanks

Best regards

Dong Zheng, South Los Altos

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 15 – June 22, 2021
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 10:36:36 PM

Mayor and Council,

Councilman Weinberg thinks we should support SB9. How many residents has he talked to who are also in favor? Maybe he doesn't think it's important to get input from residents. He doesn't even write his own arguments, but uses the League of Women Voters letter to support his position:

“This bill, among other things, would require a proposed housing development containing no more than 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, ...”

So he and the League think it's a good thing to negate all our current zoning and design requirements! That's pretty amazing coming from a council member, theoretically elected to serve the will of the people.

According to Weinberg, we should just let the state write our planning code and let developers make all the decisions so they don't have to go through the trouble of a review by the planning commission and the city council.

I hope you don't plan to run for re-election Mr. Weinberg.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Dan Stanbery](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 15- June22, 2021
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 5:34:37 AM

Council Members,

How many trees will we lose if SB9 passes? Have you considered that trees are one of the things that makes Los Altos special? Have you thought about a developer splitting a lot and figuring out how to squeeze 4 homes on the 2 lots? Since most single family properties now have mature trees and plants around their house, it seems obvious that a lot of them would have to be cut down to make room for four buildings. I thought Los Altos cared about the environment. We have a Green Town organization that goes around planting trees, but SB9 would mean we lose a lot of trees to development. What does our Environment Commission have to say about this?

Please think of the trees and oppose SB9!

Thank you,

Dan Stanbery

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 15-JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 8:08:41 AM

Dear City Council,

We are currently experiencing the worst category of drought, "D4-Exceptional drought."

Every newspaper you pick up will remind you to save water and suggest restrictions are coming. How then, can we encourage splitting lots and putting four homes where only one existed? Where will the water come from?

Please say no to SB9.

With respect,
Kaye Zuniga

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB 9 is Bad!
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 5:15:55 PM

Dear council person,

I am against SB 9 because it will destroy our tranquil neighborhoods and reduce our spacious yards. Crowding people is not healthy or desirable.

Traffic and schools will be negatively affected in addition to mental health issues.

Please vote NO on SB 9!

Myrna Marshall
Los Altos, CA

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB 9 opposition
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 4:48:15 PM

Please do not support this legislation which will do nothing to alleviate the shortage of affordable housing. Why are large developers spending millions to buy political support for this type of heavy handed, one size fits all legislation that takes away local cities' rights to establish their own zoning codes ? SB 9 is job security and profit maximization for these organization at the expense of all owners of single family homes in California. There has to be a better way, so pulling support for this bill and other similar ones will force the legislature to come up with a better way to solve the housing issue. Jim Jolly

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB 9
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 3:12:01 PM

Los Altos was original created as a city to prevent it being annexed to Mountain View, which would allow greater housing density. Those town founders had the correct idea, and it would be a tragedy if our current city leaders turned their backs to that principal of lower density.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB9 and SB10
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:44:34 PM

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to change your position on SB9 and SB10 to oppose them unambiguously. There is no amendment that would make them acceptable.

There are many possible solutions to improve the availability of affordable housing. SB9 and SB10 may improve the availability of housing in general, but do nothing to assure affordability.

Beyond that, they literally will destroy the single-family home neighborhoods that are the dream of many middle-class Californians. Housing values will plummet, so property taxes will follow. More people will move away, as the economy is driving them away, and if approved, SB 9 and SB 10 will destroy the quality of life motivations to stay. California's tax base will dwindle, and problems of lack of infrastructure and social support will further erode.

SB 9 and SB 10 are disasters for the California we love. Please oppose them!

Jessie Davidson
1751 Havenhurst Dr
Los Altos, CA 94024

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB9 is a threat
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 4:14:10 PM

I urge all city council members to reject SB9 which, if accepted, gives away control of city planning to the state. Essentially it amounts to central government control which my family and I oppose.

Ruth Kaempf
1094 Eastwood Ct.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: SB9
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 7:19:17 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council:

In their support of Senate Bill 9 (SB9), the League of Women Voters letter says, “LWV also supports removal of barriers which inhibit the construction of low and moderate-income housing.”

That’s a strange reason for supporting SB9, because it won’t provide Los Altos, or any other city, with AFFORDABLE housing.

SB9 itself is a barrier to affordable housing because it allows developers and real estate interests to maximize profits by buying one expensive piece of land and building four houses on it instead of just one. Given the cost of land and construction, those houses are not going to be affordable.

I ask you to oppose Senate Bill 9.

Thanks,

Tricia McVey, RN
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for SB9 and AB1401
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 11:31:40 AM

Dear Mayor Fligor and City council members,

I write in support of Anne Paulson's email of June 16.

I too, urge the Council to send the letters presented by Councilmember Weinberg supporting SB 9 and AB 1401.

Los Altos sorely needs to expand it's housing stock and this is one way to make this happen.

Respectfully,

Eva Grove
Garland Way

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Andrea Chelemengos](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 15 – JUNE 22, 2021
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:05:26 PM

Dear Mayor Fligor, Vice Mayor Enander, Councilmembers Lee Eng, Meadows, and Weinberg,

I urge you to oppose SB 9 and SB 10 for the following reasons:

1. LOS ALTOS RESIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY INFORMED OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACT SB9 AND SB10 WILL HAVE ON THEM AND OUR COMMUNITY.

Given the hugely negative impact SB9 and SB10 would have on Los Altos coupled with the State's attempt to seize authority from cities across California, including Los Altos, it is concerning that the City Council has not made every effort to reach out to Los Altos homeowners to ensure they are aware of SB9 and SB10 and solicit their input.

As there has been no meaningful outreach, the City Council should not take any position other than to oppose SB9 and SB10 unless and until a majority of Los Altos residents confirm they support such legislation – which is highly unlikely.

2. HOUSING ADVOCATES OPPOSE SB9 AND SB10.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation opposes SB9 and SB10 because it will do nothing to address the need for affordable housing. Here's what the AIDS Healthcare Foundation says:

"161,000 people are homeless and hundreds of thousands simply cannot pay rent... SB 9 and SB 10 - will allow developers to tear down existing single-family homes, especially in communities of color where land is less expensive, and replace them with market rate and luxury housing only the affluent can afford.

SB 9 and SB 10 have ZERO requirement for affordable housing...

If SB 9 passes, developers can tear down a single-family home with no say from the local community, split the lot and put two market rate duplexes in its place.

Similar to SB 9, SB 10 will allow developers to put 14 market rate units on one lot. Developers can do this over and over again, unchecked, taking over entire neighborhoods with unaffordable market rate units.

We already know that developers will target neighborhoods where land costs less, primarily in communities of color, and where they can reap the biggest profits. It will drive existing homeowners out of the community and make way for more affluent residents. This will lead to gentrification, pricing people out of their own neighborhoods, changing the stability, cultural integrity and political balance of power in communities of color." <https://www.housinghumanright.org>

3. IN THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY, DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

If any City Councilmember votes to support SB9 and SB10, it is important that the public is assured that any support is free from any conflict of interest. Accordingly, I respectfully request that they state on the record that they do not have a conflict of interest arising from any plans, thoughts, or desires to develop property in Los Altos or elsewhere in California.

In the spirit of representing and protecting the interests of Los Altos homeowners, who are your constituents, I urge the City Council to oppose SB9 and SB10.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Corrigan

