



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager

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MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

SUBJECT: City Council Resolution of Support for the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Ballot Initiative to Amend Article IX of the California Constitution related to Zoning and Land Use Matters of Local Authority

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

A the request of Mayor Richard Royce, adopt Council Resolution No. 26-113 supporting the "Our Neighborhood Voices" Ballot Initiative.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has brought forward Council Resolution No. 26-113 that if adopted will support the "Our Neighborhood Voices" ballot initiative being sought by the grassroots nonprofit organization referred to as Our Neighborhood Voices. According to the nonprofit group, the Legislature of the State of California in recent years has proposed, and passed, and the Governor has signed into law more than 400 bills addressing a range of local land use, development, and planning issues.

It is their contention, that the majority of these new housing laws over the past several years in the State of California usurp the land use authority of local jurisdictions, including city councils, county boards of supervisors, planning departments, and mayoral offices, among others, to determine for themselves the land use, development, and planning policies that best suit their communities and residents, and instead impose "one-size-fits-all" mandates that fail to account for the unique needs and differences of local jurisdictions throughout the State.

If adopted by Council, Staff will forward the Resolution, on behalf of City Council, to the "Our Neighborhood Voices" organization as part of their effort to establish a potential ballot initiative to address these issues.

JUSTIFICATION:

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Council Resolution No. 2026-113 \[8-25-26\].docx](#)