Governor Jerry Brown recently signed into law Assembly Bill 829, which precludes State assistance in any housing development that is subject to a requirement as a threshold or condition to apply or be eligible for the award of any funding that the development proponent receive a letter of acknowledgment, letter of approval, or similar document from the legislative body of a local agency or from a member of a local legislative body.

The City through the Housing Community Investment Department (Housing Department) operates affordable and low income loan housing programs, which leverage State funding. These programs, including the Prop HHH Permanent Supportive Loan Program (HHH PSH) and the Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline Program (AHMP), require, pursuant to Regulations 2.7 of both programs and Regulation 7.3 of the AHMP Program, that a loan applicant submit a Letter of Acknowledgment or Letter of Support from the Council office where the project is slated to be developed.

Action is needed to rescind these requirement in order for the City to comply with the dictates of Assembly Bill 829.

I THEREFORE, MOVE that the Council rescind any action which approves or authorizes any regulation for the HHH PSH Program, the AHMP Program, and other affordable and low income loan housing programs that require a loan applicant to submit a Letter of Acknowledgement or Letter of Support from the Council office where the project is located, including but not limited to Regulation 2.7 in both the HHH PSH Program and the AHMP Program, and Regulation 7.3 in the AHMP Program; and instruct the Housing Department to take any further actions to implement the above, including any needed technical corrections.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing Department be directed to report with recommendations on ways that a Council office and neighborhood council of the area can provide meaningful input on proposed City financing of a housing development in the Council district, and in a manner consistent with the new state law.

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