

Local Government Policy Meeting
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This meeting had a fairly light schedule as far as any potential motions coming out of the committee.

There was only one motion and that was to oppose unless amended, Senate Bill 1105 (Hueso). This bill although having good intentions seeks to establish the San Diego Regional Equitable and Environmentally Friendly Housing Agency. That could be by ordinance, board resolution or local ballot initiative raise new revenue through a series of means including but not limited to, special taxes, parcel taxes, gross receipts, business license taxes, special taxes on vacant property, documentary transfer taxes, general obligation bonds, mortgage revenue bonds etc...I think you get the idea. Our motion to oppose basically had seven points to it. Including but not limited to, this new agency's ability to impose any taxes on real property or real estate related business services, require any bond issuance to be approved by the voters, prohibit the agency funds from being used to acquire market-rate housing, require that 30% of all the funds raised to be used for down payment assistance (10-20%) and the production of ownership housing etc... This motion was approved by this committee and was also approved by the board of directors and moved on.

Another item that was just up for discussion had to deal with the "electrification" of new homes and the reduction or total elimination of all gas. As anticipated the discussion had its pros and cons such as the ability to actually produce enough electricity to make this a reality. You need to factor in the increase in sales of electric cars and trucks. The state has some very aggressive energy goals that may or may not be met. Part of the discussion then went into mandatory solar. Point of sale solar etc... This will be an ongoing discussion in this committee as new ideas, innovations and state.local ordinances take shape.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this process. Del