
**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
SUPPORTING CHANGES TO STATE LAW
TO PROTECT MOBILE-HOME PARK RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, mobile-home park residents rely upon the County of Santa Barbara to protect the affordability of their homes through the use of a zoning ordinance;

WHEREAS, mobile-home parks comprise an important component of the County of Santa Barbara's stock of affordable housing;

WHEREAS, the continuation of local rent control is necessary to protect mobile-home park residents and the stock of affordable housing;

WHEREAS, Section 66427.5 of the California Government Code eliminates rent control for persons above lower income levels when a mobile-home park owner converts the park;

WHEREAS, in the California Appeals Court case of El Dorado vs. Palm Springs the appeals court recognized that Section 66427.5 would enable a Park Owner to enact a sham conversion that results in the elimination of rent control in the mobile-home park for persons above lower income levels; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent amendments of this section did not eliminate this threat to mobile-home residents and affordable housing despite the express intent of the legislature to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara as follows:

1. The County of Santa Barbara encourages the repeal of Section 66427.5 of the California Government Code and other amendments to relevant sections as necessary to assure that park residents are not involuntarily removed from local rent control or otherwise economically impacted if parks are subdivided or otherwise converted.
2. The County of Santa Barbara fully supports Assembly Bill 1542 and Senate Bill 900 which would repeal Section 66427.5 of the Government Code to prevent the conversion of mobile-home parks to resident-owned condominiums or subdivisions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 1st day of May 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Brooks Firestone
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
MICHAEL F. BROWN
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Deputy Clerk

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Stephen Shane Stark
County Counsel

Approved as to Form:
Robert W. Geis
Auditor-Controller

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Deputy County Counsel

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