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I wrote this last year. It wasn't printed, but seems timely just the same.

Easy Reader's article regarding the Planning Commission sheds some light on the machinations of their decision making. They seem to have "thrown in the towel" and thrown cold water on the Bill Brand initiative at the same time! "The state is going to tell us what to do, anyway, so what's the difference?" Is this how we make decisions?

Doesn't anyone have the guts to stand up to the Sacramento "out of touch" politicians? Bill Brand is! Any thoughts on working together? What are we paying our attorney for? Is Ben Allen and Muratsuchi on our side? How about our City Council? Whose side are you on?

Affordable Housing in Hermosa Beach is Laughable at Best!

As we ponder the sanity of Senator Scott Weiner [D-San Francisco] for his efforts to solve the housing crisis, singlehandedly, a song pops into mind, "The Impossible Dream" from Man of La Mancha. Although, Don Quixote was a loveable character with a big heart, he was still... a little nuts! Okay, perhaps, with the good Senator, I've overstated the loveable character with a big heart, part!

"If", in fact, we do have a crisis, we should ask ourselves how this happened? It didn't happen overnight, so what are the causes? If we don't ask these questions, we'll never find a solution or perhaps discover there are no "reasonable" solutions.

California has spent decades tinkering with Building and Safety codes. We're now requiring Solar Panels and possibly suspending natural gas in favor of electricity. These changes have nothing to do with building or safety, but they do increase costs to build. There's no such thing as a "free lunch"! The more open space required, the less livable space and all this increases the cost of building and of course, our taxes.

Senator Weiner has, not one, but two bills, SB9 and SB10, that would upend what the voters, in their communities, have already agreed to. We don't need developers buying a single-family house and building 2 to 8 dwelling units, which is what these bills would do!

Instead, our council, has taken the "safe" position, of no position, yet, Community Development Director Robertson has been unleashed to turn over every rock to find areas where we can comply.

No one is "entitled" to live in any community! We have a homeless problem, just look at Venice Beach, our neighbors to the north. This could be us! Is that what we want?? If we get a large population of homeless coming from "anyplace, USA" are we now required to build shelters for them?

We have many problems that need solving, but knee jerk bills from San Francisco politicians are not

solutions, it's Tyranny!

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