



CR Report on 20.181 & 21.189

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Dear Council President Sciarra,

On February 23rd Community Resources considered two items referred to our committee for public input and discussion, **20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing** and **21.189 An Ordinance To Create Incentive For Smaller Houses By Allowing Two Half-Scale Units to Count As A Single-Family For Density Purposes**.

Senior Land Planner, Carolyn Misch, attended to present each item. For additional insight and expertise, guest speakers Laura Baker of Valley Community Development Corporation and Christopher Lee of Backyard ADUs were also present. Discussion between Senior Land Planner Misch and the guests speakers provided insight into how the new zoning language might be implemented. Ms. Misch and the guest speakers took questions from the public and city councilors.

Item 20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing was referred back to City Council with a Positive Recommendation. The motion was made by Councilor Thorpe and seconded by Councilor Jarrett, the motion passed 4-0.

Item 21.189 An Ordinance to Create Incentive For Smaller Houses By Allowing Two Half-Scale Units To Count As A Single-Family for Density Purposes was referred back to City Council with a Positive Recommendation. The motion was made by Councilor Foster and seconded by Councilor Jarrett, the motion passed 4-0.

Sincerely,

Councilor Nash

Chair, Community Resources Committee