

Legislative & Ballot Initiative Update

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Legislative Update

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Housing

❖ AB 1033 (Ting): ADU Transfers

Allows counties to adopt local ordinance to allow ADUs to be sold separately from the primary residence.

SB 4 (Wiener): Ed & Relig. Housing

Requires a housing development project to be a use by right on land owned by specific education or religious institutions. Expires in 2036.

❖ SB 91 (Umberg): Supportive Housing

Permanently extends existing law that allows motel, hotel, or hostel projects converted into a supportive/transitional housing to be exempt from CEQA.





Land Use

❖ AB 1307 (Wicks)

For purposes of CEQA, specifies noise generated by occupants is not a significant environment impact for residential projects.

❖ SB 684 (Caballero)

Requires local agencies to ministerially approve maps for specific projects in urban areas that include 10 or fewer housing units.





Transportation

❖ AB 6 (Friedman)

- Resets CARB emission reduction targets to 2035 for cars and 2045 for light trucks
- Requires MPO's to work w/ CARB on their technical methodologies, adds authority for CARB to approve the methodology
- Expands CARB 's ability to review and accept or reject Sustainable Communities Strategies

❖ AB 744 (J. Carrillo)

- Requires the California Transportation Commission (once funded) to:
- Acquire or procure licensed data modeling tools to support the state's sustainable transportation
- Provide this planning software to counties & other local governments





Initiative Update

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Ballot Initiative Basics

<u>Steps</u>

- 1. Draft Initiative Language
- 2. Submit to AG for 'Title & Summary'
- 3. Gather Signatures
- 4. Signatures Verified by County & State
- 5. Obtain reqd. signatures131 days before election*

*All public ballot initiatives are presented on even year November ballots



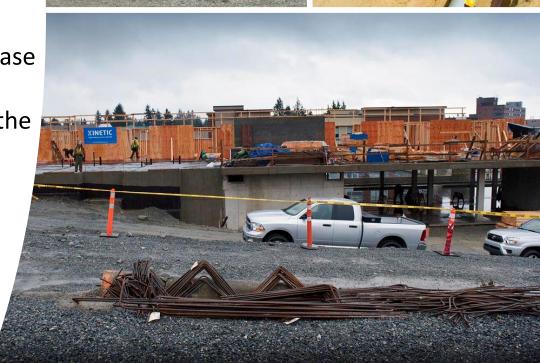
Initiative #1: Affordable Housing & Public Infrastructure

Sponsors:

- State Legislature (ACA 1, 2023)
- Firefighters & Building Trades

- Lowers voter threshold to 55% for specific county bond and tax increase measures
- Measure resources must support the construction/replacement of:
 - > Public Infrastructure
 - Affordable housing
 - > Perm. Supportive housing





Initiative #2: Public Housing Projects

Sponsors:

- State Legislature (SCA 2, 2022)
- Calif. Realtors Association, YIMBY

- Repeals Article 34 of the State Constitution.
- Article 34 requires majority voter approval for all publicly funded low rent housing projects





Initiative #3: Local Gov. Rent Control Authority "Justice for Renters Act"

Sponsors:

- Justice for Renters coalition
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation

- Repeals current Costa-Hawkins Act (1995) limits on local rent control laws.
- Allows counties to adopt ordinances to regulate rents.
- Prohibits state from limiting county ability to enact, maintain or expand rent control.





Initiative #4 Limits State Ability in Land Use Policy "Our Neighborhood Voices"

Sponsors:

- Our Neighborhood Voices
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation

- Amends constitution to specify county land use/zoning laws prevail over conflicting state law
- Allows state laws that address areas of statewide concern to prevail if specific goals, purposes and objectives are stated
- Limits state's ability to tie funding to state goals
- Repeals Article 34 of StateConstitution (Public Housing)



Initiative #5 "The California Homeownership Affordability Act"

Sponsors:

- Californians for Homeownership
- Golden Together

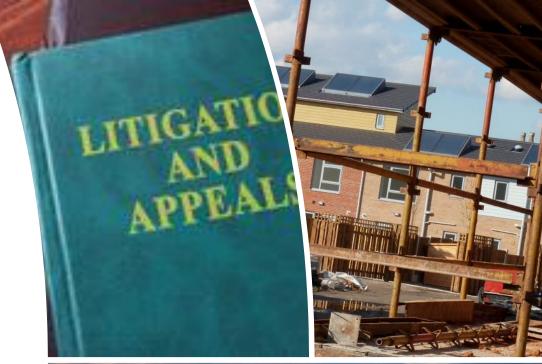
What it Does:

- Limits CEQA challenges to DA's and AG.
- Caps county housing project related fees to 2% of construction costs.
- Caps state regulatory fees on housing/infra./public service projects at 1% of construction costs.
- Prohibits Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) fees being assessed on housing/infra./public service projects.

Fiscal Impacts

- Reduced local government development fee revenue, likely in the hundreds of millions to \$1+ billion per year.
- Uncertain savings related to potential reduction in CEQA legal challenges to public projects.

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Questions?