

JOINT HEARING OF THE SENATE HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION AND GOVERNMENT & FINANCE COMMITTEES

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California Housing Partnership

- Created by the state Legislature in 1988
- Board appointed by Governor, Speaker & Pro Tem
- Private nonprofit organization, no state funding
- Operate throughout California in partnership with local nonprofit & government housing organizations
- In 30 years, have helped private and public housing agencies structure more than \$14 billion in private and public funding to create and preserve more than 70,000 affordable homes and trained more than 15,000 people.



* Each bar displayed above is a single, new construction development that received Low Income Housing Tax Credits in 2017. This project-level data is consistent with the median total development costs of all LIHTC applications in the region in 2015-2016.

** Federal and state tax credits are included.

Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of California Tax Credit Allocation Committee 2017 staff reports.

CALIFORNIA NEEDS 1.5 MILLION MORE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES

STATE EXPENDITURES ARE HIGHLY INEQUITABLE BETWEEN HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS



ELIMINATION OF REDEVELOPMENT & LOSS OF STATE BOND FUNDING FOR HOUSING FORESHADOWED A 14% RISE IN HOMELESSNESS IN 2016-17



Source: CHPC analysis of 2006-2011 Annual Calfiornia Departments of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Redevelopment Housing Activities Report; 2006-2016 annual HCD Financial Assistane Programs Reports. Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PIT and HIC Data Since 2007. Note fiscal years are indicated by second half of fiscal year (e.g. FY 2006 -2007 is presented as 2007).

Local Funding Solutions to the Affordable Housing Crisis

Many local governments are taking their housing obligations seriously and out of desperation are raising their own funds. Here is what they have done:

- City of Los Angeles \$1.2 billion Bond (Measure HHH, 2016)
- County of Los Angeles \$100 million *per year* commitment (2015)
- Santa Clara County \$950 million Bond (Measure A, 2016)
- San Mateo County \$40 million Tax (Measure K 2016)
- Alameda County \$580 million Bond (Measure A1, 2016)
- City of Oakland \$100 million Bond (Measure KK, 2016)

More Local Funding Solutions Are In Process & Planned

More local communities are attempting to pass their own funding measures:

- City of San Jose Measure V, \$450 million bond (November 2018)
- City of Berkeley Measure O = \$135 million bond (Nov. 2018)
- City of Santa Rosa Measure N = \$124 million bond (Nov. 2018)
- Santa Cruz County Measure H = \$140 million bond (Nov. 2018)
- Napa County Transit Occupancy Tax = \$5 million annually (Nov. 2018)
- City of San Diego \$900 million Bond (2020?)
- County of Monterey also considering an Affordable Housing Bond (2020?)
- Others may follow depending on the continuing severity of the crisis and the vote threshold

State Funding Solutions to the Affordable Housing Crisis

What can/should the state do to help? The 2017 State Housing Package had two major funding initiatives:

- SB2, Homes and Jobs Act = \$250 million annually
- SB3, Veterans & Affordable Housing Bond of 2018 = \$4 billion one time But with a statewide deficit of 1.5 million homes, local governments need more state help and funding tools to make progress.
- Create a new Tax Increment tool to help communities across the state (including in rural areas) fund affordable housing and start at \$1 billion/year.
- Expand the State Low Income Housing Tax Credits (AB 35, AB 2817, AB 71)
- Lower the voter threshold for Affordable Housing & Related Infrastructure to 55% as was done for education facilities in 2000 so that local communities across the state can make their own decisions on raising funding.

Regional Funding Also Needs to be Part of the Solution

Bay Area leaders have realized that relying on state and local actions is not enough. The **Committee to House the Bay Area (CASA)** was formed from the realization that funding and land use decisions can work better at a local level.

- CASA is working on a package of new affordable housing initiatives for adoption by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in early 2019:
- Using transportation funding and housing grants to incentivize cities and counties to produce more affordable housing is a first step by MTC.
- CASA is now developing a package of 17 initiatives including changes to land use and planning procedures.
- CASA recognizes that real change requires a new regional fund.
- Current annual funding gap is \$1.7 billion just to meet RHNA.

CASA Potential Regional Sources of Revenue (9/12/18)

Tax and fee rates are set to raise \$100 million annually for each proposal

Property Owners	Developers	Employers	Local Governments	Taxpayers
Windfall Property Tax 3.35 percent Inflation-Indexed on increase in home value at point of sale	based on the number of new workers at the location (inside or out of TPAs) and jobs-housing ratio of host jurisdiction, region-wide <i>Flat Commercial Linkage Fee</i> \$5 per sq. ft. on new construction, region-wide	Annual Head Tax \$8-64 per job Variable rates based on the number of employees, and jobs-housing ratio of host jurisdiction (with no exemptions for middle-wage jobs) Flat Annual Head Tax \$30 per job Gross Receipts Tax 1/12-cent variable rates based on sector and firm size, region-wide	Revenue Sharing Contribution 17.5 percent of future property tax growth starting in 2020	Contribution17.5 percent offuture property taxgrowth starting in2020Tax IncrementSet-Asidefor affordablehousing (forcity/county portionof property taxrevenue),statewidePublic Land Set-Aside20 acresannually for
Parcel Tax \$48 per year			Set-Aside for affordable housing (for city/county portion of property tax revenue), statewide Public Land Set- Aside 20 acres	
Real Estate Transfer Tax \$1.35 per \$1,000 paid by the seller				
at point of sale				
Vacant Homes Tax 1 percent				
Vacant Homes Tax				
25 percent on peer-to-peer rentals		<i>Commuter VMT</i> <i>Fee (</i> 1 cent per mile) paid by the employer		<i>Foundation-Employer</i> Policy and Infrastructure Fund

CASA Funding/Financing Compact

Potential Allocation of New Regional Revenues

Local Jurisdiction Incentives (10 percent). Partial payments to local jurisdictions to make up for lost revenue due to proposed cap on impact fees.

Tenant Protection Services (10 percent). Short-term rental assistance & access to legal counsel for low- and moderate-income households.

Affordable Housing Preservation (20 percent). Grants and financing, including for seismic retrofitting and energy efficiency upgrades. Priority to developments in low-income neighborhoods facing displacement.

Affordable Housing Production (60 percent). Grants and financing. Priority to projects in TPAs and HOAs. Construction training programs. Land acquisition program.