



League Supported Bills to Create a Blueprint for Housing Construction and Affordability

The League supports a package of legislation to increase housing construction and provide financing for affordable housing, including:

- **Senate Bill 540 (Roth)** – Sponsored by the League of California Cities, the Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone proposal authorizes an enhanced up-front planning process that will reduce delays and uncertainty when proposed projects are consistent with those plans. Ensuring local planning requirements and environmental mitigation measures are identified early would streamline the approval process to facilitate more housing.
- **Senate Bill 2 (Atkins)** – The Building Homes and Jobs Act would generate hundreds of millions of dollars each year for affordable housing, emergency shelters and other housing needs via a \$75 recording fee on specified real estate documents.
- **Senate Bill 3 (Beall)** – The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 would put a \$3 billion general obligation bond on the November 2018 ballot to fund affordable housing and infill infrastructure projects.
- **Senate Bill 711 (Hill)** – Establishes a six-year pilot project to enable the development of local projects that advance affordable housing production, transit-oriented development and further important state policies including GHG and VMT reductions, by enabling the Strategic Growth Council to review and approve reductions in city and county property tax contributions for ERAF.
- **Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 (Aguiar-Curry)** – Reduces vote thresholds for local measures to fund infrastructure and affordable housing to 55%.
- **Assembly Bill 45 (Thurmond)** – The California School Employee Housing Assistance Grant Program would require the California Housing Finance Agency to administer financing assistance for the creation of affordable rental housing for school employees.
- **Assembly Bill 53 (Steinorth)** – The Homeownership Savings Accounts would allow taxpayers to deduct up to \$20,000 from their personal state income taxes for a homeownership savings account.