



Housing policy in Alameda County: Help or hindrance?

From the Bay Area Council Economic Institute

Housing affordability in Alameda County, like much of the San Francisco Bay Area, is at a crisis point.

This study of 20 proposed or enacted housing policies, including rent control, assesses whether they actually have the unintended consequence of restricting supply and further exacerbating Alameda County's dire housing situation - with answers that carry ramifications for all of California.

It's getting harder to live in LA, and housing is largely to blame

From UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs

Satisfaction with living standards in Los Angeles County is on a downward trend, according to the third annual Quality of Life Index from UCLA's Luskin Center.

With an increasing number of residents indicating concerns relating to housing affordability, this analysis of the survey's results offers timely insights into trends such as outbound migration, attitudes toward development and zoning laws, and gaps in generational well-being.

Is CEQA really causing project delays?

From UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy & the Environment

Local land use laws and state environmental regulations are hot topics in the housing affordability discussion, often blamed for placing impediments on new construction and restricting supply.

But are these laws and regulations really to blame for California's current housing predicament? This study of the local land use permitting process in five Northern California jurisdictions aims to find out.

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Analyzing claims from the campaign trail: How much housing can we really build?

FROM DOWELL MYERS, JUNGHO PARK AND JANET LI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION DYNAMICS RESEARCH GROUP

"3.5 million new housing units—a half million every year—is ridiculous!" Many Californians blurted out exactly this statement when they heard two of the gubernatorial candidates had agreed about this target over just 7 years. The state only averaged 83,000 permits over the last 7 years

Realistically, how much housing do we actually need and how do we know that? In the past, USC planning scholars have carried out numerous estimates of housing needs in California using different methods. Currently our research team in the USC Price School of Public Policy is working in great detail on housing needs and dynamics in Los Angeles county, supported by the Haynes Foundation. But the candidates called out the statewide number that had been prepared by the McKinsey consulting firm a couple years earlier. Considering this, why not turn our methods toward the whole of California and see what we get?

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