



State-led Knowledge Exchange

“Aligning State and Regional Goals at the Nexus of Housing and Climate”

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Description:

On July 31, 2024, Governor Newsom issued a new executive order (N-2-24) to accelerate and streamline infill development projects to transform undeveloped and underutilized properties statewide into livable and affordable housing for Californians. This session seeks to gather input from Tribes, local and regional governments, and advocacy organizations on processes, permits, and other administrative actions that can be adjusted to create flexibility and lower the per-unit cost of infill housing.

REACH IE Breakout: Aligning State and Regional Goals at the Nexus of Housing and Climate



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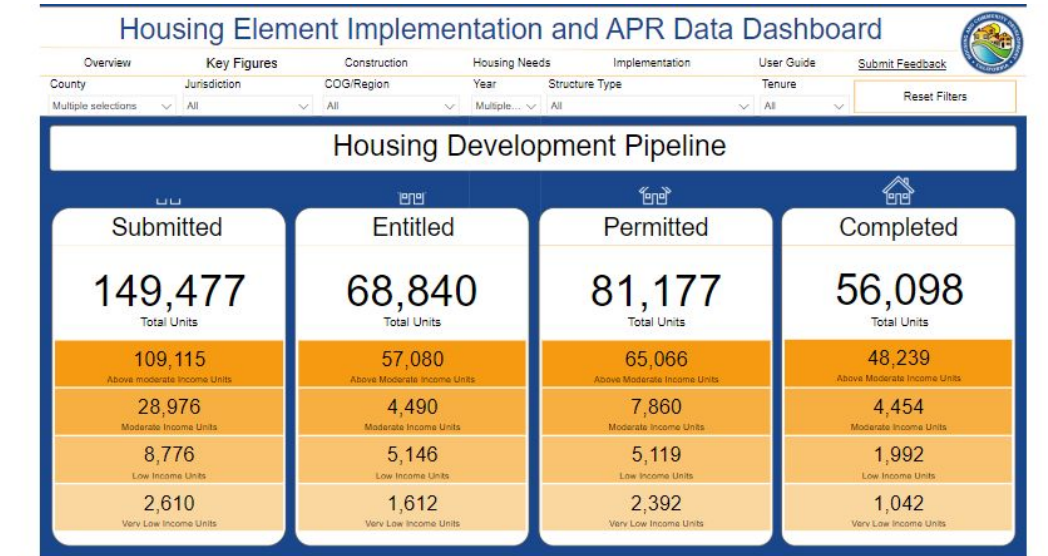
Overview and objectives

1. California State vision for housing and climate
2. Overview of current State efforts and relevant agencies
3. Understand needs, challenges, and opportunities at the nexus of housing and climate in the region

Supporting Housing for All Californians

The State implements state housing policy through technical assistance, enforcements, and funding. Strategies to promote housing production and affordability:

- Increased housing needs allocations
- Removing barriers and streamlining requirements
- Planning incentives and enforcement
- Local surplus lands and excess state sites
- Grants and funding



Prohousing Strategies

Prohousing policies at the local level are needed to facilitate accelerated affordable and infill housing opportunity.

- Create favorable zoning and land use policies
- Accelerate housing production timeframes
- Reduce construction and development costs
- Provide financial subsidies or free waivers
- Align land use, climate, and transportation policies



Executive Order N-2-24 on Infill Housing and Adaptive Reuse

Lowering Costs and
Increasing Options for
Infill Housing

Providing More
Resources for Infill
Housing and Adaptive
Reuse

Providing Tools and
Opportunities for Infill
and Adaptive Reuse

Aligning Infill
Development with
State Climate Policies



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Programs and Initiatives



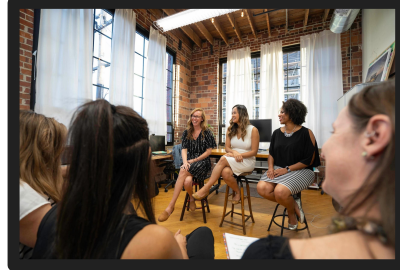
Investment Programs



Collaborative Policy Initiatives



Integrated Policy and Planning



Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

SGC Council Priority 3: Housing, Climate & Equity

- Resolution adopted in December 2022
- Whole-of-Council commitment to accelerate progress toward the State's housing, climate, and equity goals.
 1. Better utilize existing resources
 2. Identify new tools and strategies
 3. Improve coordination between State, local, federal, and Tribal partners



LCI Goals



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As the State's Comprehensive Planning Agency, LCI studies future research and planning needs, fosters goal-driven collaboration, and delivers guidance to state partners and local communities, with a focus on land use and community development, climate risk and resilience, and economic development.

LCI creates general plan guidelines, technical advisories, best practices and plan alignment toolkits for general plans.

Current projects:

- General Plan Guidelines Update
- Mainstreet/Downtown Technical Advisory document related to EO N-2-24 directive



Breakout discussion

1. Describe the relationship between housing and climate needs and goals in your region.
2. What are the challenges with preserving and retrofitting existing housing, or building new housing, in ways that align with your climate goals?
3. What opportunities do you see to simultaneously meet your region's housing and climate goals?

Further opportunities for engagement

[Request for Information to Streamline Infill Housing Development](#)

- Response to EO N-2-24 on Infill and Adaptive Reuse
- The RFI seeks public input on potential processes, permits, and other administrative actions that can be adjusted to create more flexibility and lower costs of infill housing.
- SGC encourages responses from a wide range of individuals:
 - researchers, practitioners, developers, financial institutions, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, tribes, and others with experience or expertise in infill development or adaptive reuse.
- Responses due December 31, 2024