



CITY OF HIGHLAND

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Special Meeting
June 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM
City Hall Upright Conference Room
27215 Base Line, Highland CA 92346

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

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District 1

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District 2

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Alondra Muñoz, City Clerk

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June 20, 2024 - 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

Submission of Public Comments for ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ONLY: For those wishing to make public comments by email, please submit your comments by email to be read aloud at the meeting. Email comments must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on June 20, 2024, to publiccomment@cityofhighland.org. If you are submitting a public comment pertaining to an item on the June 20, 2024 agenda, please identify the agenda item number in the subject line. Members of the public will be permitted to make public comments in person.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion of Assembly Bill 3093 (Ward) New Homelessness Planning Requirements
RECOMMENDATION: That the Subcommittee provide direction and discussion.

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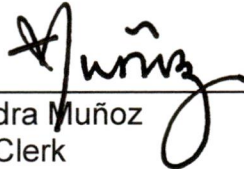
I, Alondra Muñoz, City Clerk, of the City of Highland, California, certify that I caused to be posted this Agenda on or before the 19th day of June, 2024, by 12:30 p.m. on our website at www.cityofhighland.org and in the following designated areas:

Highland Branch Library
7863 Central Avenue

Fire Station No. 1
26974 Base Line

City Hall
27215 Base Line

Date: June 19, 2024



Alondra Muñoz
City Clerk



ACTION ALERT

AB 3093 (Ward) New Homelessness Planning Requirements.

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

ACTION

Voice your **opposition** to **AB 3093 (Ward) unless amended** to address cities' concerns by calling your Legislators **TODAY**.

AB 3093 (Ward) will be heard in the Senate Housing Committee on Monday, June 24. If you are represented by a Senator on the Senate Housing Committee, **CALL YOUR SENATOR** and voice your **oppose unless amended** position before Monday.

Senate Housing Committee Members	Senate District	Phone
Nancy Skinner (Chair)	9	(916) 651-4009
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If AB 3093 advances out of the Senate Housing Committee, ALL Legislators need to hear from their cities. Please send **CITY LETTERS** expressing an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position as soon as possible. A sample [city letter](#) is available.

Background:

Lawmakers are fast-tracking a bill that would add new income categories to the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The measure, sponsored by Gov. Gavin Newsom, is intended to help assess the needs of homeless residents and is based on a report on California's [housing future](#). AB 3093 (Ward) would add additional, duplicative requirements for local governments when they plan for housing for vulnerable Californians at a time when cities could lose out on critical state affordable housing and homelessness funding.

What does AB 3093 (Ward) do?

- [AB 3093](#) (Ward) would add new requirements to the Regional Housing

Needs Assessment (RHNA) framework to better assess the needs of homeless residents. However, the bill duplicates existing planning efforts and lacks critical information cities need to meet these new obligations.

- AB 3093 was introduced on the heels of the Governor's proposed May Revise, which includes deep cuts to several critical affordable housing programs and no funding for the state's flagship homelessness services grant program.
- These cuts are estimated to result in a reduction of nearly 13,000 market-rate and affordable housing units statewide and would leave an estimated 120,000 homeless individuals without access to vital services.
- AB 3093, combined with the proposed budget cuts, would require cities to plan for more housing without the funding needed to move those plans forward.

Talking Points:

- Cities are planning and approving millions of new homes at all income levels despite a barrage of new bills every year that have changed the rules mid-stream, significantly altering cities' housing element certification process.
- AB 3093 would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements without funding to develop the plan, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.
- Cities oppose AB 3093 unless amended to clarify how these new requirements differ from what cities are already doing to ensure cities can meet the obligations of this bill.
- These complex, multiyear housing plans are laborious, time-consuming, and costly, and many cities are still navigating the state's certification process for the sixth cycle. Now is not the time to create new vague requirements that will only further these delays in certification.
- Rather than duplicate existing planning efforts, the Legislature should focus on providing funding directly to cities to realize these plans and spur much-needed development.

ALL LETTERS MUST BE UPLOADED INTO THE ELECTRONIC PORTAL. The portal automatically sends letters to the author's office and the committee(s) of jurisdiction. Please visit the [California Legislature Position Letter Portal](#) to create an account and upload the letter. If you are having difficulty accessing the portal, please contact Meg Desmond at mdesmond@calcities.org.

In addition to submitting the letter through the portal, please email a copy to your local Legislator(s), Cal Cities at cityletters@calcities.org, and to your Cal Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager.

*****CITY LETTERHEAD*****

DATE

June 18, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Housing Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 3093 (Ward) Land use: housing element: streamlined multifamily housing.
Notice of OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Senator Skinner,

The **City/Town of _____**, opposes **AB 3093 (Ward)** unless amended to address cities' concerns. Currently, AB 3093 would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements without funding to develop the plan, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.

Specifically, AB 3093 adds two new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) framework: acutely low-income (ALI) and extremely low-income (ELI). While these new categories are intended to help assess the needs of homeless residents, they fall within the existing very low-income category, which already accounts for the needs of individuals in our cities earning between 0% and 50% of the area median income.

The **City/Town of _____**, is concerned that this will only lead to duplicating planning efforts since existing housing element law already requires cities to analyze the special housing needs of homeless residents and assist in developing adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-income households. Housing element law also currently requires cities to identify sites and encourage the development of a variety of housing, including supportive housing and transitional housing. Through these processes, cities are doing more than ever to plan for the needs of unhoused residents in their communities.

Despite recent amendments, the City/Town of _____ continues to be concerned that the new income categories added by AB 3093 go beyond the suggested intent of the measure. As drafted, AB 3093 requires site inventory for ALL and ELI households and lacks critical information about how these sites should differ from the housing cities are planning for already through the very low-income category. Without amendments to clarify these concerns, cities will be set up to fail, leading to even more housing elements being deemed out of compliance.

PLEASE CITE HOW YOUR CITY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS BILL HERE.

AB 3093 was introduced on the heels of the Governor's May Revise, which proposed deep cuts to affordable housing and homelessness programs. While the Legislature and the Governor continue negotiating the final budget deal, AB 3093 has been fast-tracked through the legislative process without funding to realize these plans or spur much-needed development.

The City/Town of _____ shares the goal of preventing and reducing homelessness and increasing the supply of affordable housing in our communities. However, real progress will require [ongoing funding](#) that allows for the development of long-term, ambitious plans that support unhoused residents and prevent more individuals from losing their homes. In the absence of ongoing funding to address homelessness, the complicated requirements included in AB 3093 fail to expand or develop local governments' capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges across California.

Cities across California are planning and approving millions of new homes at all income levels despite new bills introduced every year that have changed the rules mid-stream, significantly altering cities' housing element certification process. These complex, multiyear housing plans are laborious, time-consuming, and costly. With many cities still navigating the state's certification process for the sixth cycle, now is not the time to create new vague requirements that will only further these delays in certification.

For these reasons, the City/Town of _____ **is opposed to AB 3093 unless amended.**

Sincerely,

NAME

TITLE

CITY/TOWN of _____

cc: The Honorable Chris Ward
(Your Senator and Assembly Member)
(Your Cal Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager, via email)
League of California Cities (via email: cityletters@calcities.org)