



# 4-Part Town Hall Series

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**Housing and Litigation:**

**Stop State Takeover: Preserve Local Control**

**What are the needs, benefits and feasibility** of cities, counties, or COGs filing a lawsuit against HCD and the flawed RHNA methodology and numbers?

*HCD must improve its processes to ensure that communities can adequately plan for housing. State Auditor's Fact Sheet, 3/17/22*



# Take Action

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### CITY COUNCILS (CC) & BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)

1. Put the discussion of a HCD/RHNA lawsuit on your agenda.
2. Talk to CC/BOS members from cities that are considering litigation.
3. Convene local leaders to explain what's at stake and invite support.
4. Designate a CC/BOS rep to speak to attorney Pam Lee.
5. Do a cost/benefit analysis for short- and long-term loss or gain.

*Great lions can find peace in a cage.  
But we should only do that as a last resort. Rumi*



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## CONSTITUENTS COMMUNITY LEADERS

1. Organize your neighborhoods and county to learn what's at stake: local control, democracy, voting rights, environment, safety, etc.
2. Meet with elected officials to urge the HCD/RHNA lawsuit be explored in support of constituents, not in fear of threats from the state.
3. Reject the victims' lament, "There's nothing we can do!" Affirm strength in numbers. *Work for what you believe.*
4. Build momentum for truth and transparency, and a culture of caring.



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- Do you think legal action is a feasible idea?
- Would you consider participating in a “Join the HCD/RHNA Lawsuit” Campaign for your county or city?
- Want more information? Attend the Town Hall meeting on Wed, Sept. 21, 5 pm, “Why our cities joined the SB9 lawsuit.”

*Your neighborhood and community is at risk now.*

*A tsunami of change is coming.*

*The time to act is NOW.*



# Actions

## Get Involved Locally! Then Join a State Group

Dates/Times	State Groups
M, 5-6 pm	Catalysts Calls
W, 6-7 pm (tonight)	Our Neighborhood Voices
Th, 5-6 pm	CA Cities for Local Control
Sat, 10 am	Livable California
Sun 4 pm	CA Alliance for Local Electeds (CALE)

## Individual Actions

1. Be a leader, a cheerleader, an analyst, or a nudge
2. Read, write, show up, speak up, rally, network, run for office
3. Change the narrative on social media, blogs, or a soap box
4. Be kind. Welcome all. Focus on solutions. **VOTE!**