



Sacramento Lobby Day: Housing Policy

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

Legislators, like local elected officials, community leaders, and the public, want housing that is affordable, based on reliable numbers and aligned with environmental and community values.



Our Demands	
What we want	What we are getting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validity	Unscientific and unproven RHNA methodology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reliability	Flawed RHNA methodology leads to inflated, unattainable housing quotas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability	A flood of market-rate housing that benefits investor/ developers, not low-income wage workers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety	Increased risks of fire, blocked evacuation routes, flooding, no insurance, gentrification, economic instability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accountability	Laws that favor outsiders' profits, not the promised affordable housing

Take 4 Actions-- that serve communities & constituents!

1. **INITIATE** a request for the CA Audit Department to conduct a full audit of HCD's RHNA methodology, mandates, and outcomes to establish validity.
2. **DIRECT** HCD to put the 7th cycle Housing Element work on hold (2032-2040) until RHNA methodology, numbers, and process are verified as valid and reliable.
3. **OPPOSE AB-2881** (Alex Lee), The Social Housing Act and bills that weaken local control.
4. **SUPPORT SB-968** (Kelly Seyarto), roll-over RHNA credits to the next cycle, and bills that benefit constituents.



Housing Policy is Unfair and Unsafe!

- ✓ Legislation isn't producing housing that is affordable. Why? The problem is economic; not zoning, CEQA or local control.
- ✓ RHNA methodology is unreliable.
- ✓ RHNA quotas are inflated and unattainable.
- ✓ RHNA methodology and quotas favor building market-rate, not affordable housing.
- ✓ Legislators have transferred power to plan for land use from local elected officials to the state, which caters to outside investors/developers.
- ✓ Investors/developers are calling the shots on zoning, height, density, parking, and values.
- ✓ HCD uses threats to force compliance.



Evidence of RHNA's Lack of Validity

Scan the QR code for direct access to documentation for these links. Go to CatalystsCA.org for more information.

[The Dept of HCD must improve its processes](#); State Emergency Audit Report confirms RHNA flaws, 3/17/22.

[Background paper for audit of regional housing needs determination process](#), confirms numbers based on ad hoc info, not verifiable evidence; Christopher Elmendorf, UC Davis, 1/4/22.

[The inevitable failure of RHNA](#), Marc Verville, CPA/MBA, retired Walt Disney & WB VP, Catalysts Town Hall, 2/8/24.

[Town Hall on Housing](#), host Lydia Kou, former mayor of Palo Alto, with guests Eric Filseth, former Palo Alto mayor, "Why haven't the state housing laws produced housing relief?"; Michael Barnes, former Albany City Council member, "Playing the Housing Numbers Games"; and Attorney Pam Lee, "SB-9 and RHNA lawsuits, 1/21/24.

[How housing laws sabotage affordable unit production](#), Amy Kalish, President, Citizen Marin, Catalysts Call, 11/27/23.

The Embarcadero Institute shows evidence of how RHNA was double counted, 2020.

<https://embarcaderoinstitute.com/portfolio-items/double-counting-in-the-latest-housing-needs-assessment>