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URGENT CALL TO ACTION: SB7 uses RHNA to expand state housing authority

The California Assembly Local Government Committee will hear SB7 on Wednesday, June 26 at 9 am in Sacramento

ACTION: Make calls to the Local Government Committee and call your rep to the Assembly & Senate Est. time: 15 minutes! See phone list, script, and other actions below.

ABOUT SB7

SB7 is based on recommendations HCD made to legislators in their April 2024 report, "California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)." It increases the authority of HCD and Councils of Governments (COGs) to plan and zone for jurisdictions by reducing local authority. Without addressing the underlying problems with 6th cycle RHNA that led to inflated and unrealistic housing mandates, this bill relies on unsubstantiated claims about the state's housing crisis to justify usurping local control.

Content of the law: SB7 eliminates what little transparency and accountability local jurisdictions have in the RHNA process. SB 7 will allow unchecked lobbyist influence in RHNA allocations that will increase market rate housing but fail to advance affordability. Passing SB7 means:

1. Arbitrarily inflated RHNA allocations
2. Loss of jurisdictions' rights to appeal
3. Denial of the infrastructure impacts and risks of financial distress
4. Failure to support RHNA methodology with robust economic theory
5. Reduced accountability of unelected bureaucrats

Process: SB7 is a heavy-hand bill HCD is recommending to legislators. It is being rushed through without due diligence. For example, the bill was gut and amended on June 10, passed through the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee on June 18, and is coming up for a vote in the Local Government committee on June 16.

Why we Oppose SB7: Read the Catalysts opposition letter below that includes detailed analysis from Santa Monica resident Marc Verville, retired VP of Finance for both Warner Bros and the Walt Disney Company.



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What You Can Do Right Now!

1. **Call** the Local Government Committee members and your local legislators.

	First	Last	Email	Phone
Chair, D	Juan	Carrillo	juan.carrillo@asm.ca.gov	(916) 319-2039
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D	Matt	Haney	matt.haney@asm.ca.gov	(916) 319-2017
D	Ash	Kalra	ash.kalra@asm.ca.gov	(916) 319-2025
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D	James	Ramos	james.ramos@asm.ca.gov	(916) 319-2045
D	Chris	Ward	assemblymember.Ward@assembly.ca.gov	(916) 319-2078
D	Lori	Wilson	lori.wilson@asm.ca.gov	(916) 319-2011
Chief Cons.	Angela	Mapp	angela.mapp@asm.ca.gov Your Assemblymember Your Senator	(916) 319-3958

Use these sample scripts:

Note: it's OK to call after hours and leave a message. Be prepared to be asked where you live or your zip code. It takes less than 15 minutes!

SHORT SCRIPT: Hi, my name is _____. I'm a member of _____. I'm calling about Senate Bill 7 which is about RHNA. Senate Bill 7 is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on Wed. June 26. Please record my strong opposition to SB7. I urge a NO vote on SB7.

LONGER SCRIPT: Start with the short script. Add . . .

SB7 eliminates HCD transparency and accountability. SB 7 will allow unchecked lobbyist influence in RHNA allocations that fail to advance affordability. Passing SB7 means:

1. Arbitrarily inflated RHNA allocations, increasing the likelihood jurisdictions will fail;
2. Reduced accountability of regional and state agencies;
3. Significantly increased risk of municipal financial distress from unsustainable increases in infrastructure and services costs.

Please record my strong opposition to this bill. I urge a NO vote on SB7.

Thank you.



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2. If you represent an organization, **send a letter** on your letterhead to the [Legislative portal](#). Use the Catalysts letter as a template to tailor your own letter. Send a cc to your Assemblymember, Senator, and local Board of Supervisors and City Council.
3. **Post on social media** and urge calls and letters.
4. **Announce** at your next group meeting and urge action. Drop this Call to Action in chat.
5. **Attend** the Assembly Local Government Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 26 at 9:30 am; State Capitol, Room 447. SB7 is the first item on the agenda.
6. **Activate** your network of neighborhood and community groups by sharing this email with your database and urging action.

We recognize the critical need for housing that is affordable to wage-earners. We reject the notion that favoring more market rate rental housing is the best or sole solution. We reject the notion that weakening the authority, funding, and infrastructure of local jurisdictions is the path to long-term reliable housing policy. Jurisdictions need funding subsidies for housing, not “builder’s remedies” that assure profits to investors but destroy neighborhoods and communities. SB7 is a continuation of dangerous and unsuccessful precedents, including interference into the affairs of both charter and general law cities.