

POLICY UPDATES



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Housing Federation is working rapidly to adjust to the COVID-19 response as it relates to housing policy and advocacy at all levels of government. Please make sure to sign up to receive our [Weekly Brief](#) to get the latest on advocacy action alerts and other time-sensitive items.

To learn more about SDHF's policy positions, visit our [website](#).

SDHF Supports State Legislation

Each year, the San Diego Housing Federation supports state legislation that advances the organization's mission and policy priorities. As of May 2021, SDHF has supported 11 bills in the state legislature. A list of bills with fact sheets and sample letters can be found [here](#).

SDHF's legislative priorities were recently featured in a Voice of San Diego [article](#) that highlighted the state legislation supported by other local agencies, including the County of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District and SANDAG.

San Diego Housing Federation

AB 71 invests \$2.4 billion annually in solutions for homelessness.

AB 115 allows housing in commercial zones so long as the development includes at least 20 percent deed-restricted affordable housing.

AB 721 makes density restrictions in private restrictive covenants unenforceable against an affordable housing developer.

AB 989 creates a State Housing Accountability Committee to adjudicate violations of the Housing Accountability Act.

AB 1271 further clarifies the Surplus Land Act. This has become a big deal for the plan to redevelop the Sports Arena.

AB 1304 requires cities to analyze racial segregation patterns and requires an analysis of affirmatively furthering fair housing for the jurisdiction's site inventory.

AB 1206 extends the welfare tax exemption to limited-equity housing cooperatives, similar to what is allowed for Habitat for Humanity and community land trusts.

SB 617 requires local jurisdictions with over 10,000 residents to provide an online solar permitting process for residential solar and solar-plus-storage systems.

SB 678 requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to collect and include data about unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness in the state's Homeless Data Integration System.

Housing Elements

California law requires all local city and county governments to adequately plan to meet housing needs at all income levels in the community. Local governments adopt housing plans as part of their general plan, known as the housing element, every 8 years. The 6th Housing Element cycle provides an analysis of need and strategies to address the housing need for the years 2021-2029. Programs and policies included in housing elements will shape local housing policy and guide the work of SDHF's advocacy in the region. SDHF has been closely monitoring and tracking all jurisdiction in the region and has submitted comment letters on draft plans for consideration by each jurisdiction in the region and to HCD in their review. SDHF's comment letters to each jurisdiction are available on our website [here](#).

