

HOUSING ELEMENT ADVOCACY RESOURCES

California Housing and Community Development Department

Housing element law also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) review local housing elements for compliance with State law and to report its written findings to the local government. Housing Element website page <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/>

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Housing Element Questions and Answers
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/qa1106.pdf>

The Public Interest Law Project

A nonprofit state support center for local legal services programs and other public interest law offices, including qualified legal services projects receiving funding from the State Bar's Legal Services Trust Fund. PILP provides support for local programs to engage in major advocacy through impact litigation and policy reform efforts.
<http://www.pilpca.org>

The California Affordable Housing Law Project

The California Affordable Housing Law Project, concentrates on housing and community development issues. CAHLP provides technical assistance, policy analysis and litigation support on housing issues throughout the state, specializing in housing elements, community redevelopment, fair housing, and relocation assistance.
<http://www.cahlp.org/>

California Housing Element Manual, February 2007

A Housing Element guide produced by the California Affordable Housing Law Project.
[http://www.pilpca.org/docs/CALIFORNIA%20HOUSING%20ELEMENT%20MANUAL%202nd%20Ed%20Public%20\(Feb%202007\).pdf](http://www.pilpca.org/docs/CALIFORNIA%20HOUSING%20ELEMENT%20MANUAL%202nd%20Ed%20Public%20(Feb%202007).pdf)

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

The Southern California Association of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. The region encompasses a population exceeding 18 million persons in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Association of Governments is mandated by the federal government to research and draw up plans for transportation, growth management, hazardous waste management, and air quality. Additionally at the state level SCAG plans for the regional distribution of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).
<http://www.scag.ca.gov>

Kennedy Commission

An organization that advocates for the development of affordable housing for Orange County's Extremely Low Income households. The Kennedy Commission is currently leading a Housing Element Educational and Advocacy Campaign to insure that all Orange County cities plan for housing opportunities at all levels of the income spectrum.
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