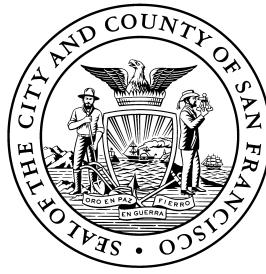


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Supervisor Dorsey seeks options to end exclusionary zoning in San Francisco

In response to pressure from the state to meet citywide housing goals, Supervisor Dorsey requests the SF Planning Department provide analyses of Senate Bill 10 and Senate Bill 50

SAN FRANCISCO (Aug. 10, 2022) – In response to two letters released yesterday by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) scrutinizing San Francisco’s housing development zones and processes, Supervisor Matt Dorsey today called on the San Francisco Planning Department to provide analyses of two state housing policies that San Francisco can use as blueprints for needed progress: Senate Bill 10 and Senate Bill 50, both authored by California Senator Scott Wiener.

The first letter issued by HCD announced that its Housing Accountability Unit will be conducting a first-ever housing policy and practice review of San Francisco with a goal to identify and remove barriers to approval and construction of new developments.

In the second letter, the department condemns San Francisco’s most recent draft of its housing element for being inadequate in meeting its obligation to build more housing – specifically to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation goal of building 82,000 new units over the next eight years.

"State housing officials sent a message loud and clear yesterday that San Francisco isn't doing enough to build housing at all income levels and in every part of our City," said Supervisor Dorsey. "We ignore them at our peril — because failure risks the loss of state funding and the loss of local control altogether. It's time for us to explore and move forward on solutions as

big as our problems, and that's what is motivating my letter to our Planning Department director today."

Additionally, Supervisor Dorsey called on the Planning Department to produce an analysis on the number of units that can be produced in San Francisco if the City and County were to opt-in to Senate Bill 10, a bill that allows cities to authorize construction of up to ten units on a single lot without requiring unnecessary review, which has a proven history of slowing down or pausing development.

Supervisor Dorsey also requested that the Planning Department provide an update to its March 2019 report focused on Senate Bill 50, to factor in proposals in the most recent draft of the housing element. Although SB 50 did not pass, it is an approach that would have implemented major zoning reform to undo California's historical over-reliance on exclusionary single family zoning and reduce vehicle miles traveled for access to employment opportunities.

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