



FACT SHEET: AB 1508 – PLANNING FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP

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What will the bill do? Assembly Bill 1508 will direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to update the [Statewide Housing Plan](#) to include recommendations to increase homeownership of first-time-home buyers who have been disproportionately impacted by California’s ongoing housing crisis, including:

1. An analysis of first-time homebuyer assistance policies, goals, and objectives;
2. Recommendations for actions that will contribute to increasing homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers in California;
3. An evaluation and summary of demographic disparities in homeownership attainment in California, which may include, but is not limited to, disparities related to race, ethnicity, household income, household size, age, and disability status;
4. Consultation with the California Housing Finance Agency as the plan is shaped.

Why is this bill needed? The Statewide Housing Plan, which is updated every four years, currently has three important and laudable goals: Keep Californians in their homes; Produce more affordable and climate-smart housing; and Continue to act with urgency to address homelessness and housing needs.

Unfortunately, homeownership is currently included in the Statewide Housing Plan despite significant investment and demonstrated support from the State of California. In the January 2023 proposed budget, the State of California will directly invest approximately \$680 million in homeownership, both through construction financing as well as mortgage subsidy. HCD will itself oversee \$170 million in funding for homeownership through the CalHome and Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing programs.

Why is homeownership important? Today, California has a statewide housing shortage of nearly 2.5 million homes and for the past decade has produced only 45% of the number of housing units needed to meet our growing population. While homeownership is the primary way in which most Americans build wealth and assets, California has the third highest median home price in the country and the high-cost of housing has pushed what was once a modest goal further out of reach. People of color, who make up more than 60% of the state’s population, pay the heaviest price for the broken housing market in California. African American homeownership rates are 26% lower and Latino homeownership rates are 19% lower than White Californians.

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Bay Area Council	LISC San Diego
California Association of Realtors	National Diversity Coalition
California Black Chamber of Commerce	National Federation of Filipino American Associations
California Catholic Conference	Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services
CASITA Coalition	New California Coalition
California Journal for Filipino Americans	People for Housing-Orange County
Community Consumer Defense League	San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association
Community Housing Opportunities Corporation	Southern California Black Chamber of Commerce
Cornerstone Construction	Southern California Leadership Council
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Hope Through Housing Foundation	The Unity Council
Inland Empire Latino Coalition	Unidosus
	Ventura County Community Development Corp.