

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1803**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez**

February 8, 2016

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An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to local government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1803, as introduced, Melendez. Local government: housing.

The Planning and Zoning Law establishes in each city and county a planning agency with the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of that law. Existing law sets forth the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the availability of affordable housing throughout the state.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65580 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 65580. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 4 (a) The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance,
- 5 ~~and the importance.~~ *The* early attainment of decent housing and a
- 6 suitable living environment for every Californian, including
- 7 farmworkers, is a priority of the highest order.

- 1 (b) The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative  
2 participation of government and the private sector in an effort to  
3 expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs  
4 of Californians of all economic levels.
- 5 (c) The provision of housing affordable to low- and  
6 moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels  
7 of government.
- 8 (d) Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the  
9 powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and  
10 development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing  
11 needs of all economic segments of the community.
- 12 (e) The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this  
13 responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility  
14 to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and  
15 community goals set forth in the general plan and to cooperate  
16 with other local governments and the state in addressing regional  
17 housing needs.