

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2060

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinorth

February 17, 2016

An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2060, as introduced, Steinorth. Land use: housing.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, and city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including, but not limited to, a housing element that analyzes existing and projected housing needs. Existing law includes various legislative findings and declarations related to the statewide importance of housing availability and the responsibility of state and local government to address regional housing needs.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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 early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living

1 environment for every Californian, including, *but not limited to*,
2 farmworkers, is a priority of the highest order.

3 (b) The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative
4 participation of government and the private sector in an effort to
5 expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs
6 of Californians of all economic levels.

7 (c) The provision of housing affordable to low- and
8 moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels
9 of government.

10 (d) Local and state governments have a responsibility to use ~~the~~
11 *their vested* powers ~~vested in them~~ to facilitate the improvement
12 and development of housing to make adequate provision for the
13 housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

14 (e) The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this
15 responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility
16 to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and
17 community goals set forth in the general plan and to cooperate
18 with other local governments and the state in addressing regional
19 housing needs.