# Housing Underproduction in California



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# Report and additional information available

#### HOUSING UNDERPRODUCTION IN THE U.S.

Economic, Fiscal, and Environmental Impacts of Enabling Transit-Oriented Accessible Growth to Address America's Housing Affordability Challenge





### Available for download at: www.upforgrowth.org

# LA Times Survey

### Why is California housing unaffordable?

The lack of rent control and too little funding for low-income housing are the top reasons, according to those surveyed.



# San Jose Mercury Surv

#### WHO'S TO BLAME FOR THE HOUSING CRISIS?

Respondents were asked if the following were a major, moderate or minor reason for Bay Area housing problems.

	Major	Moderate		Minor			No opi	nion
	Developers who rather than bu	are trying to maximize profits ild what people want or need	57%			20%	17%	6%
		Technology companies who add jobs in the region	48			23	24	5
	Local go	overnments who oppose new housing developments	38		30		23	9
	Newco	omers to the area who add to our traffic congestion	34		31		31	4
	State govern and regulation	ment, which adds taxes, fees	28	3	1		34	7
I	Landlords or investo short-term rentals	ors who market properties for on sites like Airbnb or VRBO	27	24			39	10
	Neighborh develo	ood groups who oppose new opments in their communities	25	34	1		37	4
	Env the	ironmental groups who block e development of new homes	19	27			48	6

Source: The poll of 900 registered voters in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Francisco counties was conducted by J. Moore Methods Inc. Public Opinion Research for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the Bay Area News Group. The poll, conducted from Dec. 27 to Jan. 9, has a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points. JEFF DURHAM/BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

# New paradigm for housing growth needed



Source: Build Zoom

## Cost Burdening Widespread Across California



### PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT SPEND MORE THAN 30% OF GROSS INCOME ON HOUSING, 2016



Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve, GEOFRED

### Rent has increased 15% faster than median income since 2010

1 Bedroom Apartment Average Rent (Affordability by AMI%)



## Up For Growth website Affordability App

#### Time Series of Affordability





#### Cross City Rent Comparison: 1BR (% of AMI)

Calculations by ECONorthwest with Data provided by CoStar

Select State of Second City		Select State of Third City		
California	•	California	•	
Select Second City		Select Third City		
Select Second City Sacramento	•	Select Third City San Francisco	•	

## Rent Strongest Predictor of Metro Homelessness Rate



Source: ECONorthwest calculated using data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Point-In-Time count and the U.S. Census Bureau ACS

### CA Only West Coast State with Negative Domestic Migration





SOURCE: US Census Bureau

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## The Second Paycheck

Percent of Income Willing to Pay for Natural Amenities

# Total = 15% of Income

4.0% 3.9% 2.9% 2.7% 1.7%



Source: Albouy, David. Are Big Cities Bad Places to Live? 2012

### Housing starts haven't kept pace with household formation

**U.S. Household Formation vs. Housing Starts** 

(in millions)



### 7 units built for every new 10 households formed in CA since 2010



Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

### 4 jobs were added for every housing unit from 2010 to 2015



Source: U.S. Census LODES, California Department of Finance

- Examine the impact of supply constraints on housing production
- Evaluate the impact of different models of growth
- Model economic, fiscal, environmental impacts supported through additional housing production nationally



### Task 1) Quantify Underproduction of Housing

- Task 2) Model growth scenarios
- Task 3) Quantify economic and fiscal impacts

### 7.3 million Housing Units Under Produced from 2000 to 2015



# California Market is Supply Constrained

### **Price Elasticity of Supply**

• 0.77

0.47

0.84







Source: ECONorthwest Calculations, REMI



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### Additional housing construction can take different forms

#### Growth Scenarios Distributed as 3 Construction Types:



MISSING MIDDLE & MED.-DENSITY (UP TO 5 STORIES): MAX 120 UNITS PER ACRE





SINGLE-FAMILY HOME (UP TO 3 STORIES): MAX 5 UNITS PER ACRE



TOWER HIGH-RISE (6+ STORIES): MAX 240 UNITS PER ACRE

### Accessible Growth Changes Distribution of Housing Types



Where are Accessible Growth Units Located: Target underutilized transit corridors, + high opportunity areas with low vehicle miles travelled

Source: ECONorthwest Calculations

### Underutilized Land Around Transit Stations an Opportunity



### 50% of units built in the state since 2010 have been multifamily



Source: ECONorthwest Calculations

# Accessible Growth Reduces VMT by up to

### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF ACCESSIBLE GROWTH: LOWER VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED



Source: ECONorthwest Calculations

Accessibility to Transit, Jobs, and Density





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- If additional housing were built in each scenario (step 2) to meet underproduction amounts (step 1), what economic and fiscal impacts would be supported?
- Use REMI PI+ model to estimate impacts related to increased housing production

- How much does it cost to build these units?
  - Each scenario builds different numbers of single family homes, podiums, and towers
  - Each prototype has different costs of construction, infrastructure, and causes different environmental considerations
  - Each region has different costs of construction, different impact fee regulations, different building permits and fees, different tax rates, etc.
- How much would each state's economy, labor force, or personal income grow?

### Modeling Additional Housing Production

- Industry needs time to train labor to ramp up production
- Production in max year is less than previous cycle peak



### Hard construction costs

- Tower & Podium: start with historical data by prototype, use RS Means cost index to adjust by state
- Single Family Homes: Census 2016 Permits and Values data

### Soft construction costs

- 1.6% of hard costs for single family homes
- 12.0% of hard costs for podium and tower
- Infrastructure costs (provided by Arup Engineering)
  - Scaled based on Smart Growth America Study to scenarios
  - Installation costs and ongoing operations & maintenance
  - Government sector pays for infrastructure through bond issuance
  - Offset by impact fee revenue estimated by state

# Housing prices adjusted (down) based on supply elasticity

Household consumption reallocated to pay for new units

- Overall price of housing in the market decreases...however
- New housing costs more than the current stock
- Need to reallocate household consumption to account for increased costs of new units

#### REMI Model Linkages (Excluding Economic Geography Linkages)





# Study Utilized 2 REMI Model Specifications



# 4 Region Model

California, Oregon, Washington, and Rest of US



# **51 Region Model**

Preferred model, selected for primary report results

## \$ 1.7 trillion increase in cumulative



### Difference in Cumulative GDP between



Difference Between Accesible Growth and More of the Same

# More than 1.1 Million jobs supported in peak year of production



### Local Property Taxes by Scenario



Growth Scenario Accessible Growth More of the Same

# State Tax Implications by Scenario



# More than \$120 Billion difference in local revenue through 2037



Growth Scenario Accessible Growth More of the Same

Local Cumulative Revenue by Scenario through 20

# Cost of infrastructure is not supported by fiscal revenue in More of the Same

Scenario	More of the Same	Accessible Growth	Difference
Total Acres	215K	50K	-77%
Total Infra Spend	\$131B	\$6B	-95%
Total O&M	\$5.1B	\$1.2B	-76%
Total SDC Fees	\$30B	\$22B	-27%
Prop Tax Revenue	\$82B	\$90B	10%
Net Revenue	-\$24B	\$104B	\$128B



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- Oregon
- Washington

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