

Senate Bill No. 194

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Secretary of the Senate

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CHAPTER _____

An act to add Section 50834.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to community development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 194, Florez. Community Equity Investment Act of 2010.

Under the federal State Community Development Block Grant Program, funds are allocated to the state and administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development for projects and programs that meet the housing and economic development needs of persons and families of low or moderate income.

This bill would enact the Community Equity Investment Act of 2010. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to disadvantaged unincorporated communities. The bill would specify how funds received pursuant to the federal State Community Development Block Grant Program are expended at the local government level and would impose various requirements on a local government in receipt of those funds that would, among other things, ensure the representation and participation of citizens of disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

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

SECTION 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the Community Equity Investment Act of 2010.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

(1) There exist in California hundreds of disadvantaged unincorporated communities. There are more than 200 of these communities in the San Joaquin Valley alone. Many of these communities are geographically isolated islands, surrounded by the city limits of large-and medium-sized cities.

(2) The conditions within these disadvantaged unincorporated communities evidence a distinct lack of public and private investment that presents a threat to the health and safety of the residents and fosters economic, social, and educational inequality. Many of these communities lack basic infrastructure, including,

but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, storm drainage, clean drinking water, and adequate sewer service.

SEC. 2. Section 50834.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

50834.5. Unless prohibited by federal law, where a federal entitlement exists under the Community Development Block Grant Program (24 C.F.R. Part 570), a local government shall comply with all of the following requirements with the funds made available pursuant to this chapter:

(a) If a local government has a citizen advisory committee to advise the council or board on Community Development Block Grant Program matters which relate, but are not limited, to public health, safety, welfare, public works, or planning, the local government shall include representation from disadvantaged unincorporated communities within its jurisdiction.

(b) Local governments shall provide proper notice, in compliance with federal Community Development Block Grant regulations, to ensure that citizens from disadvantaged unincorporated communities are given reasonable and timely access to information about the Community Development Block Grant Program, the application process, and technical assistance that may be available to their communities.

(c) In determining how to distribute Community Development Block Grant funds for technical assistance, a local government shall prioritize the needs of residents of disadvantaged unincorporated communities within its jurisdiction with no local governing board to the extent necessary to permit residents to prepare and submit an application for funding.

Approved _____, 2010

Governor