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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2502

Introduced by Assembly Members Mullin and Chiu
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bonilla, Burke, Campos, Gordon,
and Thurmond Thurmond, and Ting)
(Coauthors: Senators Leno and Wieckowski)

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An act to amend Section 65850 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2502, as amended, Mullin. Land use: zoning regulations.

The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any city, county, or city and ~~county~~, *county* to adopt ordinances regulating zoning within its jurisdiction, as specified.

This bill would additionally authorize the legislative body of any city, county, or city and county to adopt ordinances to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements, as specified, and would declare the intent of the Legislature in adding this provision. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

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 65850 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 65850. The legislative body of any city, county, or city and
2 county may, pursuant to this chapter, adopt ordinances that do any
3 of the following:

4 (a) Regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between
5 industry, business, residences, *and* open space, including
6 agriculture, recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, use of natural
7 resources, and other purposes.

8 (b) Regulate signs and billboards.

9 (c) Regulate all of the following:

10 (1) The location, height, bulk, number of stories, and size of
11 buildings and structures.

12 (2) The size and use of lots, yards, courts, and other open spaces.

13 (3) The percentage of a lot which may be occupied by a building
14 or structure.

15 (4) The intensity of land use.

16 (d) Establish requirements for off-street parking and loading.

17 (e) Establish and maintain building setback lines.

18 (f) Create civic districts around civic centers, public parks,
19 public buildings, or public grounds, and establish regulations for
20 those civic districts.

21 (g) Establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary
22 housing requirements, which may require the provision of
23 residential units affordable to, and occupied by, owners or tenants
24 whose household incomes do not exceed the limits for *moderate*
25 *income*, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income
26 households specified in Sections 50079.5, 50105, and 50106 of
27 the Health and Safety Code.

28 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

29 (a) Inclusionary housing ordinances have provided quality
30 affordable housing to over 80,000 Californians, including the
31 production of an estimated 30,000 units of affordable housing in
32 the last decade alone.

33 (b) Since the 1970s, over 170 jurisdictions have enacted
34 inclusionary housing ordinances to meet their affordable housing
35 needs.

36 (c) While many of these local programs have been in place for
37 decades, the recent decision in *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties, L.P.*
38 *v. City of Los Angeles* (2009) 175 Cal.App.4th 1396, has created
39 uncertainty and confusion for local governments regarding the
40 future viability of this important local land use tool.

1 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to reaffirm the authority of
2 local jurisdictions to enact and enforce these ordinances.

3 (e) The Legislature declares its intent in adding subdivision (g)
4 to Section 65850 of the Government Code, pursuant to Section 1
5 of this act, to supersede any holding or dicta in *Palmer/Sixth Street*
6 *Properties, L.P. v. City of Los Angeles* (2009) 175 Cal.App.4th
7 1396, to the extent that the opinion in that case conflicts with that
8 subdivision. This act shall not otherwise be construed to enlarge
9 or diminish the authority of a jurisdiction beyond those powers
10 that existed as of July 21, 2009.

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