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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,
Thurmond, and Ting)
(Coauthors: Senators Leno and Wieckowski)

February 19, 2016

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 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 require, as a condition of development of residential *rental* units, that the development include a certain percentage of residential rental units affordable to, and occupied by, moderate-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely low income households, 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:
3 65850. The legislative body of any city, county, or city and
4 county may, pursuant to this chapter, adopt ordinances that do any
5 of the following:
6 (a) Regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between
7 industry, business, residences, and open space, including
8 agriculture, recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, use of natural
9 resources, and other purposes.
10 (b) Regulate signs and billboards.
11 (c) Regulate all of the following:
12 (1) The location, height, bulk, number of stories, and size of
13 buildings and structures.
14 (2) The size and use of lots, yards, courts, and other open spaces.
15 (3) The percentage of a lot which may be occupied by a building
16 or structure.
17 (4) The intensity of land use.
18 (d) Establish requirements for off-street parking and loading.
19 (e) Establish and maintain building setback lines.
20 (f) Create civic districts around civic centers, public parks,
21 public buildings, or public grounds, and establish regulations for
22 those civic districts.
23 (g) Require, as a condition of the development of residential
24 rental units, that the development include a certain percentage of
25 residential rental units affordable to, and occupied by, households
26 with incomes that do not exceed the limits for moderate income,
27 lower income, very low income, or extremely low income
28 households specified in Sections 50079.5, 50105, and 50106 of
29 the Health and Safety Code.
30 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
31 (a) Inclusionary housing ordinances have provided quality
32 affordable housing to over 80,000 Californians, including the
33 production of an estimated 30,000 units of affordable housing in
34 the last decade alone.

1 (b) Since the 1970s, over 170 jurisdictions have enacted
2 inclusionary housing ordinances to meet their affordable housing
3 needs.

4 (c) While many of these local programs have been in place for
5 decades, a 2009 appellate court decision has created uncertainty
6 and confusion for local governments regarding the use of this tool
7 to ensure the inclusion of affordable rental units in residential
8 developments.

9 (d) It is the intent of the Legislature to reaffirm the authority of
10 local jurisdictions to include in these inclusionary housing
11 ordinances requirements related to the provision of rental units.

12 (e) The Legislature declares its intent in adding subdivision (g)
13 to Section 65850 of the Government Code, pursuant to Section 1
14 of this act, to supersede any holding or dicta in any court decision
15 or opinion to the extent that the decision or opinion conflicts with
16 that subdivision.

17 (f) In no case is it the intent of the Legislature in adding
18 subdivision (g) to Section 65850 of the Government Code, pursuant
19 to Section 1 of this act, to enlarge, diminish, or modify in any way
20 the existing authority of local jurisdictions to establish, as a
21 condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements,
22 beyond reaffirming their applicability to rental units.

23 (g) This act does not modify or in any way change or affect the
24 authority of local jurisdictions to require, as a condition of the
25 development of residential units, that the development include a
26 certain percentage of residential for-sale units affordable to, and
27 occupied by, households with incomes that do not exceed the limits
28 for moderate-income, lower income, very low income, or extremely
29 low income households.

30 (h) It is the intent of the Legislature to reaffirm that existing
31 law requires that the action of any legislative body of any city,
32 county, or city and county to adopt a new inclusionary housing
33 ordinance be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted
34 openly consistent with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown
35 Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of
36 Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code).