

Strategic Growth Council – Executive Order on Infill Development
Request for Information (RFI)

Agency:

California Strategic Growth Council (SGC)

Action:

Request for Information.

Summary:

On July 31, 2024, Governor Newsom issued a new executive order ([N-2-24](#)) to accelerate and streamline infill development projects to transform undeveloped and underutilized properties statewide into livable and affordable housing for Californians. The order directs a number of state agencies to work together to address key roadblocks in the development of infill housing. These agencies will work to comprehensively address the need to develop more housing by:

- Lowering costs and increasing flexibility by exploring updates to the state building standards codes and permitting processes to accelerate housing approvals and development.
- Creating more resources for local governments to build housing through infill development, by developing mechanisms to provide local governments and developers with a range of additional resources, including state and federal infrastructure dollars and other financing.
- Building more tools and opportunities by publishing resources and guidance, including through the states' existing Site Check website, to assist developers and other stakeholders in identifying opportunities to transform vacant sites into housing for Californians.
- Aligning state housing and climate goals by creating tools to assess the environmental benefits of thriving urban cores and transportation centers, and working to better align housing and transportation investments across the state.

The order directs the Strategic Growth Council (SCG), as part of its ongoing work on [Council Priority 3 on Housing, Climate, and Equity](#), to investigate and report to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) on processes, permits, and other administrative actions that can be adjusted to create flexibility and lower the per unit cost of infill housing.

This Request for Information (RFI) offers the public the opportunity to provide information on potential processes, permits, and other administrative actions, broadly defined, that can be adjusted to create flexibility and lower the per unit cost of infill housing. For the purposes of this RFI, infill housing development refers to building housing on unused and underutilized infill sites, usually but not exclusively in urban areas, which provides many benefits including avoiding sprawl, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and creating homes near community amenities, jobs and schools. Adaptive reuse is defined as the repurposing of buildings for housing where the original purpose of the building is no longer productive or useful.

SGC seeks input from a wide range of stakeholders, including researchers, practitioners, developers, financial institutions, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, and others with experience or expertise in infill development or adaptive reuse.

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How to comment:

This RFI is only for information and planning purposes and should not be construed as an obligation on the part of the SGC. We ask respondents to address the Key Questions listed below. Respondents are required to address every question as it would be valuable to have this input. Respondents may provide detailed responses and examples. All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Respondents should only submit information that they wish to make publicly available.

Key questions:

1. Please describe your experience or expertise as it relates to infill housing and adaptive reuse in California.
2. What do you see as the most significant drivers of cost and inflexibility for infill housing development and/or adaptive reuse in California? Please include links or references to supporting evidence where possible (e.g., published research, reports, case studies, etc.).
3. What specific processes, permits, and other administrative actions can be adjusted, and how, to create flexibility and lower the per unit cost of infill housing in California? Please include links or references to supporting evidence where possible (e.g., published research, reports, case studies, etc.).
4. Please provide any additional information relevant to this Request for Information.

Dates:

Responses must be received by December 31, 2024, to be assured of consideration.

Submissions:

Please submit comments via this [form](#).

Comments received may be posted on <https://sgc.ca.gov/> without change, including any business or personal information provided. Comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, will be part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Do not enclose any information considered confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

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