Housing in California

Issue
Housing Crisis in California

Background
The housing crisis in California is one of the most important issues facing California today, if not the most critical issue. The Legislature has devoted considerable time and effort the past few years to address this crisis, and has amended state law to encourage the development of housing, such as Accessory Dwelling Units.

More work needs to be done. Several bills were introduced in the Legislature this year to address some of the causes of the housing crisis, including the difficulty of producing housing due to the entitlement process and zoning restriction.

Opportunity
Architects understand housing. They design housing. They design detached single-family homes, multifamily housing, the repurposing of existing buildings to mixed-use residential, and every other housing type for all income groups.

Architects are ready to help. They stand ready to help Legislators understand and find paths around the obstacles to the development of much needed housing.

AIA California is supporting the following bills this year.

- AB 115 (Bloom) Housing in Commercial Zones
- AB 345 (Quirk-Silva) ADUs
- AB 561 (Ting and Bloom) ADUs
- AB 880 (Aguiar-Curry) Development of Affordable Housing in Disaster Areas
- SB 5 (Atkins) Affordable Housing Bond Act
- SB 6 (Caballero) Housing in Commercial Zones
- SB 10 (Wiener) Density
- SB 15 (Portantino) Rezoning for Housing at Idle Retail Sites
- SB 728 (Hertzberg) Density Bonuses