

SUPPORT SB 477 (WIENER)

SB 477 will require local governments to supply critical information needed to evaluate the impact of state laws on housing stock

- Reports filed by local planning agencies with the Department of Housing and Community Development do not include certain information on what state laws, if any, are used to build housing. That means the state has limited information on where, how, and if important state housing laws are working for Californians.
- The lack of accurate and complete information on housing development and growth progress makes it harder to make decisions that would address housing shortages, skyrocketing costs, and inequities.

SB 477 will help legislators and local planners more accurately measure the impact of housing legislation

SB 477 will:

- Increase transparency and accountability and provide critical, missing data. It
 will expand reporting requirements for city and county planning agencies
 around housing developments and create a mechanism to increase accuracy
 in reported statistics.
- Work within the framework of the existing reporting structure local governments already have to submit to the State's Department of Housing and Community Development. This bill simply adds requirements that local governments must track and report when a home is approved using a state law.
- Provide both state and local authorities with concrete information on whether
 various jurisdictions are approving density bonus law projects, accessory
 dwelling unit projects, or projects receiving specified stream linings. It will
 provide valuable insight into the extent and impact of the housing crisis, its
 adverse effect on social justice and equity, and make it possible to better
 address systemic problems.