

Assembly Bill 1851
Housing Production on Faith-Based Properties
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THIS BILL

This bill will eliminate residential parking requirements on faith-based properties to allow construction for the of housing development projects.

THE ISSUE

California's communities of faith are taking interest in redeveloping portions of their property to alleviate the state's housing crisis. This new initiative, originating in San Diego, became trendy when a local tax collector compiled a list of more than 1,100 properties zoned for religious use that could potentially be developed into new units.

Faith-based communities across the state are expressing interest. Cities like Oakland, Berkeley, Walnut Creek and East Palo Alto are convening meetings with local congregations to discuss turning underused land into housing.

However, plans to build new housing on church sites have often struck roadblocks. One of the most common is the inability to count available church properties toward residential parking requirements due to restrictive local ordinances. With many faith-based parking spaces not used more than a few times per year, church communities could influence the state's housing stock if allowed to share parking between religious and residential units.

SOLUTION

AB 1851 will allow for the elimination of residential parking requirements on faith-based properties for qualifying housing development projects.

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