

# Inclusionary Housing: A Legal Update

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# What is Inclusionary Housing?

- Also known as:
  - Inclusionary Zoning or I.Z.
  - Mixed Income Housing
- A policy that requires new housing development to include a percentage of affordable units



# State Law and Court Cases

- Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act
- *Palmer/Sixth Street Properties v. City of Los Angeles* (2009)
- *California Building Industry Association v. City of San Jose* (2015)



# Inclusionary Housing: For-Sale Units



- *San Jose*

- Valid if “reasonably related” to a  
“legitimate public purpose”

# Inclusionary Housing: Rental Units

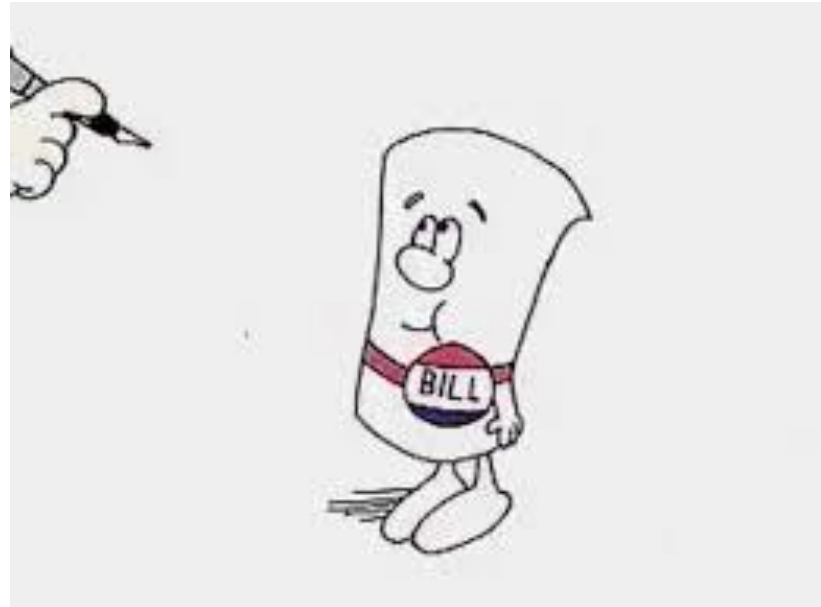
## *Palmer* and the Costa-Hawkins Act

- Residential landlords may
  - “establish the initial rental rate for a dwelling unit”
  - Except where the owner has agreed by contract with city for financial assistance



# Proposed Legislation

- AB 1229 (Atkins)
- AB 2502 (Mullin)



# AB 1229

- 2013: Legislative response to the *Palmer* case
- Passed in the Senate with 52% in favor
- Passed in the Assembly with 51% in favor
- Vetoed by Governor Brown

# AB 2502

- Also a legislative response to the *Palmer* case
- Introduced in February 2016



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