

Supportive Housing Streamlining Act: AB 2162

NPH 2018 Affordable Housing Legislative Agenda



AB 2162 addresses California's homelessness crisis by allowing non-profit developers to build supportive housing without the prolonged approval process typically required in these projects.

California's housing crisis **impacts 39 million people**, our health, education and employment opportunities, as well as families' preservation and reunification chances.

Across the state, and in the Bay Area especially, housing has become voters' top issue. The Legislature must continue to build momentum on solutions and create more affordable housing opportunities and options for our seniors, veterans, and most vulnerable community members.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STREAMLINING ACT

The Supportive Housing Streamlining Act (AB 2162) was introduced by Assemblymember David Chiu for the 2018 legislative session to **make it easier to build affordable homes for our state's most vulnerable residents.**

From experience, we know that supportive housing is a cost-effective intervention in ending homelessness for our state's most vulnerable residents, some of whom have been homeless for years. It allows people with disabilities to live independently, provides a sense of community, and contributes to neighborhoods.

Despite the documented benefits of supportive housing, local jurisdictions often reject or delay approval of applications for building supportive housing. Siting supportive housing has become a routine challenge among supportive housing developers.



HOW AB 2162 WORKS

AB 2162 provides a critical fix to help overcome concerted local opposition, to cost-effective and life enhancing supportive homes. AB 2162 will allow developers to build supportive housing “by right” statewide, including:

- ✓ Rural areas with little to no current supportive housing
- ✓ Commercially-zoned areas that allow for residential use
- ✓ Property previously occupied and now blighted.

Furthermore AB 2162 would promote siting of supportive housing without developers having to battle the stigma of housing people with disabilities. While local jurisdictions would still be able to apply objective standards to reviewing an application to build supportive housing, streamlining supportive housing would allow non-profit developers to build supportive housing without the prolonged approval process typically required in these projects.

WHY AB 2162 IS THE RIGHT SOLUTION

AB 2162 allows developers and local jurisdictions to use public dollars more effectively and quickly to provide housing for people experiencing homelessness. Streamlining the development of supportive housing would not only further the efforts of State and local governments to reduce homelessness among residents with the greatest vulnerabilities, it would expedite such developments, lower development costs, and ensure projects can be sited statewide.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Contact Your Lawmaker.** Visit our Action Center for opportunities to share your support for AB 2162 with lawmakers and the bill sponsor:
www.nonprofithousing.org/ActionCenter
- Join NPH’s **Legislative Issues Working Group** to discuss affordable housing policy and the Legislature: michael@nonprofithousing.org
- Endorse our efforts and join our coalition: jr@nonprofithousing.org

AB 2162 is an NPH Priority Bill for the 2018 legislative session.
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