

Progressive Socialist Housing Authority & new communities

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REPEAL ARTICLE 34 in the CA state constitution; USE public land for PUBLIC GOOD, end systematic housing violence & displacement. Article 34 of the CA constitution reads; “No low rent housing project shall hereafter be developed, constructed, or acquired in any manner by any state public body until, a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town or county, as the case may be..” (A constitutional convention is coming; representcal.org)

(the document has been created for LA County/SB679 but it can be applied to other regional areas across the globe if applicable.)



What is SB679; “This bill, the Los Angeles County Regional Housing Finance Act, would establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency and would state that the agency's purpose is to increase the supply of affordable housing in Los Angeles County”

<https://openstates.org/ca/bills/20212022/SB679>

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SB679: Now that SB679 has been signed by the Governor of CA, this LA county-led housing agency must;

1. have land-use authority over available public land across cities in LA County. Public land to be used for mixed-income social rental housing under a public development team where land for said housing remains under a municipality trust and where all money meant for housing should be input.
2. This authority should also support land & housing back programs, community-land trusts & co-ops.
3. This authority should support tiny & small home communities.
4. This authority should have the first right to foreclosed homes in the Los Angeles county area when prevention of foreclosure is not possible****.
5. This authority should have an equitable homeownership program in place to return homes to long-term residents who are 1st-time homeowners. Residents should need at least 10 years of residency to qualify for the 1st-time homeowner program.
6. This authority must adequately track the spending of all non-profits & housing sub-agencies that are utilizing public spending dollars.

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How: The public land will always belong collectively to the public so even if someone owns a home in a newly designed community, that's fine but if they sell the home a portion of the sale will go back into the municipality housing trust. This would apply to co-op homeowners under a community agreement with its own trust account.

Cost of housing: With mixed-income social rental housing owned by the municipality trust, the price of housing should be based on the average wage of workers from the blue-collar class. High-income earners should not be included when averaging the cost of studios, one bedrooms, etc., etc. Base higher income units on the average wage of earners in that bracket. Price is based on the average of the county not illegally segregated sub-cities in LA County. Social rental housing should include supportive housing communities (PSH) with wraparound services. Work to restructure intentionally broken social service systems in LA County, align non-profits & other

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sub-agencies with; 1.) resident manager services & 2.) as wraparound service providers for residents in supportive communities. Track accountability & spending.

Note: The housing authority should be focused on building well-put-together communities. We are not building housing for car storage we are building housing for ppl who need it.

Land & housing back programs: Accept proposals and make available public land to residents from impacted groups such as Native & Black Americans that want to create new communities under an indigenous identity that works on community based-systems. Allow self-determination to groups that have been denied self-determination, especially now that proof has been heard on audio of state agents actively working against specific groups like Black Americans who are Native to the Americas. (referring to audio of former council president Nury Martinez). Housing back programs can be homeownership options within socialist communities or within the private market.

Public safety: The newly created authority should create an outline of public safety measures that align with the needs and wants of the community. The public safety measure should give basic guidance & responsibilities to tenants in social housing communities. The authority should have an ongoing open conversation about impactful programs for residents in need of varying wraparound services in mental, behavioral, & rehabilitation healthcare. When possible, these communities should have quick access to grocery stores, hospitals, libraries, green space, & more. The authority must be held to a set standard under a community agreement and doctrine to avoid internal/alleged corruption. HCD, the state housing authority should oversee measures of accountability for the LA County housing authority.

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“Heidi Marston resigns from LASHA, citing difficulties in fulfilling LAHSA's mission without **“fundamental shifts”**. In her resignation letter, Marston elaborates:

“Power and funding alone control homelessness. But in our current system, organizations like the one I lead, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), are not given control over regulatory or policy decisions, service providers remain underfunded, and dedicated front-line employees of non-profit organizations and government entities are hamstrung by rules, red tape, and bureaucracy. Marston also points to low wages, high rents, restrictive zoning laws, and other “shadow monsters” we must tackle in order to end homelessness.”

<https://medium.com/@hmarston2/the-homelessness-crisis-a-monster-of-our-own-making-be5975399ce1>

Notes:

-**Tenancy in common** is a form of co-ownership of property in which each party owns an undivided interest that passes to his or her heirs at death. The interest is undivided because each tenant has rights in the whole property. Although ownership is in common, tenants may have equal or unequal shares.

-**Joint tenancy**- is the joint ownership of property by two or more co-owners in which each co-owner owns an undivided portion of the property. On the death of one of the joint tenants, their interest is automatically passed to surviving tenants.

-**TOPA**- Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act

-**Real property**- immovable property, a building, land, plants etc, (though buildings can actually be moved depending on).

-**Just cause eviction in CLT** - Community members causing violence when corrective action cannot be taken, not working. Racial violence & other forms of discrimination.

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Peer court will recommend rehabilitation programs when permitted to do so, severe cases could result in immediate evictions.

-Land on Earth belongs to all of humanity.

-Land has not been fairly distributed to residents impacted by systematic housing violence as it relates to race & class.

-The aim of the Surplus Land Act (the "Act"); is **to increase the availability of real property in California for affordable housing development by requiring the prioritization of affordable housing when selling or leasing public lands no longer necessary for agency use.**

"Feb. 5, 1866: Thaddeus Stevens Proposes Land Distribution Amendment"
<https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/thaddeus-stevens-freedmens-bill/>

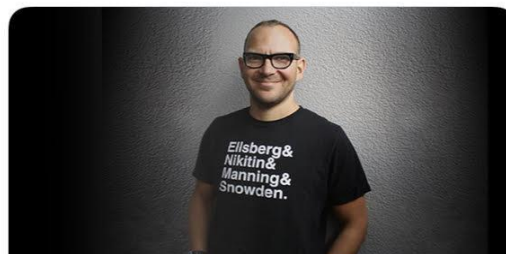


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He reminds us that the original meaning of "free market" was "a market free from rents," where unproductive creditors were not allowed to lay a private tax on productive manufacturers.

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Cory Doctorow: Free Markets

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We don't have to have a landlord/tenant model of housing. Let's start there.
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This is another example of how European colonization operates to limit our imagination of what is possible in terms of how we exist as a human civilization. The whole model of landlords & tenants is an export of the European feudal system. We don't have to keep it.
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Replying to [@BreeNewsome](#)
We're talking about a situation where white colonizers stole vast amounts of land they continue to occupy and charge us rental fees for. The origins & underlying structures of the system make it impossible for justice or fair access to exist.