



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1404 without my signature.

This bill allows the Successor Agency of the former City and County of San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to create a new enforceable obligation to replace approximately 5,800 units of affordable housing.

Without a doubt, San Francisco faces extraordinary housing affordability challenges, compounded by the number of affordable units previously destroyed by the former redevelopment agency. I applaud the author and the mayor's continued efforts to increase affordability in this area. This bill as drafted, however, would grant this particular Successor Agency the ability to use tax increment and redevelopment law in a way that no other successor agency in the state has been granted.

I am directing the Department of Finance to work closely with the author and sponsors of this measure to explore other alternatives.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.