Assembly Bill No. 1486

CHAPTER 664

An act to amend Sections 54220, 54221, 54222, 54222.3, 54223, 54225, 54226, 54227, 54230.5, 54233, and 65583.2 of, and to add Sections 54230.6, 54233.5, 54234, 65400.1, and 65585.1 to, the Government Code, relating to surplus land.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1486, Ting. Surplus land.

(1) Existing law prescribes requirements for the disposal of surplus land by a local agency. Existing law defines "local agency" for these purposes as every city, county, city and county, and district, including school districts of any kind or class, empowered to acquire and hold real property. Existing law defines "surplus land" for these purposes as land owned by any local agency that is determined to be no longer necessary for the agency's use, except property being held by the agency for the purpose of exchange. Existing law defines "exempt surplus land" to mean land that is less than 5,000 square feet in area, less than the applicable minimum legal residential building lot size, or has no record access and is less than 10,000 square feet in area, and that is not contiguous to land owned by a state or local agency and used for park, recreational, open-space, or affordable housing.

This bill would expand the definition of "local agency" to include sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts, joint powers authorities, successor agencies to former redevelopment agencies, housing authorities, and other political subdivisions of this state and any instrumentality thereof that is empowered to acquire and hold real property, thereby requiring these entities to comply with these requirements for the disposal of surplus land. The bill would specify that the term "district" includes all districts within the state, and that this change is declaratory of existing law. The bill would revise the definition of "surplus land" to mean land owned in fee simple by any local agency, for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action, in a regular public meeting, declaring, supported by written findings, that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency's use, as defined. The bill would provide that "surplus land" for these purposes includes land held in the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund and land that has been designated in the long-range property management plan, either for sale or for future development, as specified. The bill would also broaden the definition of "exempt surplus land" to include specified types of lands.

(2) Existing law requires a local agency disposing of surplus land to send, prior to disposing of that property, a written offer to sell or lease the property

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to specified entities. Existing law requires that a local agency, upon a written request, send a written offer to sell or lease surplus land to a housing sponsor, as defined, for the purpose of developing low- and moderate-income housing. Existing law also requires the local agency to send a written offer to sell or lease surplus land for the purpose of developing property located within an infill opportunity zone, designated as provided, to, among others, a community redevelopment agency.

This bill would instead require, except as provided, the local agency disposing of surplus land to send, prior to disposing of that property or participating in negotiations to dispose of that property with a prospective transferee, a written notice of availability. The bill would make various related conforming changes. With regards to a housing sponsor, the bill would require that a notice of availability be sent if the housing sponsor has notified the Department of Housing and Community Development of its interest in the land, rather than upon written request. With regards to surplus land to be used for the purpose of developing property located within an infill opportunity zone, as described above, the bill would instead require that the written notice of availability be sent to a successor agency to a former redevelopment agency. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to maintain an up-to-date listing of all notices of availability throughout the state on its internet website.

(3) After the disposing agency has received a notice from an entity desiring to purchase or lease the land, existing law requires the disposing agency to enter into good faith negotiations to determine a mutually satisfactory sales price or lease terms.

This bill would prohibit the terms agreed to pursuant to these negotiations from doing certain things, including, among other things, disallowing residential use of the site as a condition of the sale or lease.

(4) Existing law requires a local agency to give priority to the development of affordable housing for lower income elderly or disabled persons or households, and other lower income households when disposing of surplus land.

This bill would remove that priority.

(5) If the local agency receives offers from more than one entity that agrees to meet specified requirements related to the provision of affordable housing on the surplus land, existing law requires the local agency to give priority to the entity that proposes to provide the greatest number of units that meet those requirements. Notwithstanding that requirement, existing law requires the local agency to give first priority to an entity in specified circumstances.

In the event that more than one entity proposes the same number of units that meet the above-described affordable housing requirements, this bill would require that priority be given to the entity that proposes the deepest average level of affordability for the affordable units. The bill would authorize a local agency to negotiate concurrently with all entities that provide notice of interest to purchase or lease land for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

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(6) Under existing law, failure by a local agency to comply with these requirements for the disposal of surplus land does not invalidate the transfer or conveyance of real property to a purchaser or encumbrancer for value.

This bill would require a local agency, prior to agreeing to terms for the disposition of surplus land, to provide the Department of Housing and Community Development with a specified description of the process followed to dispose of the land and a copy of any recorded restrictions against the property, as specified, in a form prescribed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to, among other things, review the description and submit written findings to the local agency within 30 days of receiving the description if the proposed disposal of the land will violate specified provisions of law. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide the local agency a reasonable time, as specified, to respond to the department's findings prior to taking certain actions and would require the local agency to take specified actions in response.

This bill would, with certain exceptions, impose a penalty of 30% of the final sale price of the land upon a local agency that disposes of land in violation of specified provisions of law after receiving the notification from the Department of Housing and Community Development to that effect, and a 50% penalty for subsequent violations. The bill would authorize specified entities or persons to bring an action against a local agency to enforce these provisions and would allow a local agency 60 days to cure or correct an alleged violation before the action may be brought, except as specified. The bill would require a penalty assessed pursuant to these provisions to be deposited into a local housing trust fund or, in certain circumstances, the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund, as provided. The bill would make the expenditure of penalty moneys deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund pursuant to these provisions subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill would require the department to implement these provisions commencing on January 1, 2021.

(7) If a local agency does not agree to price and terms with an entity to which notice and an opportunity to purchase or lease are given and disposes of the surplus land to an entity that uses the property for the development of 10 or more residential units, existing law requires the purchasing entity or a successor in interest to provide not less than 15% of the total number of units developed on the parcels at an affordable housing cost or affordable rent to lower income households.

This bill would revise this requirement to apply if the local agency does not agree to price and terms with an entity to which notice of availability of land was given, or if no entity to which a notice of availability was given responds to that notice, and 10 or more residential units are developed on the property.

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This bill, if a local agency that is a district, except as specified, disposes of surplus land where local zoning permits development of 10 or more residential units or is rezoned within 5 years of the disposal to permit the development of 10 or more residential units, and 10 or more residential units are developed on the property, would require not less than 15% of the total number of residential units developed on the parcel to be sold or rented at affordable housing cost or affordable rent to lower income households.

(8) The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. That law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide by April 1 of each year an annual report to, among other entities, the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes, among other specified information, the number of net new units of housing that have been issued a completed entitlement, a building permit, or a certificate of occupancy thus far in the housing element cycle, as provided.

This bill would require a city or county to include as a part of that report a listing of specified sites owned by the city or county that have been sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of in the prior year.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the housing element include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable for residential development to be used to identify sites that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need determined pursuant to specified law.

This bill would require the housing element to provide a description of nonvacant sites owned by the city or county and provide whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the planning period and how the city or county will comply with specified provisions relating to the disposal of surplus land by a local agency.

(9) Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify a city or county and authorize notice to the Attorney General when a city or county has taken an action that violates the Housing Accountability Act, specified provisions relating to local housing elements, and the Density Bonus Law.

This bill would also require the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the city or county and authorizes notice to the Attorney General when the city or county has taken an action that violates these provisions relating to surplus property.

(10) Existing law makes various findings and declarations as to the need for affordable housing and the use of surplus government land for that purpose.

This bill would revise these findings.

(11) This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 65583.2 of the Government Code proposed by AB 957 to be operative only if this bill and AB 957 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

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(12) By adding to the duties of local officials with respect to the disposal of surplus land, and expanding the scope of local agencies subject to the bill's requirements, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 54220 of the Government Code is amended to read:

54220. (a) The Legislature reaffirms its declaration that housing is of vital statewide importance to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this state and that provision of a decent home and a suitable living environment for every Californian is a priority of the highest order. The Legislature further declares that a shortage of sites available for housing for persons and families of low and moderate income is a barrier to addressing urgent statewide housing needs and that surplus government land, prior to disposition, should be made available for that purpose.

(b) The Legislature reaffirms its belief that there is an identifiable deficiency in the amount of land available for recreational purposes and that surplus land, prior to disposition, should be made available for park and recreation purposes or for open-space purposes. This article shall not apply to surplus residential property as defined in Section 54236.

- (c) The Legislature reaffirms its declaration of the importance of appropriate planning and development near transit stations, to encourage the clustering of housing and commercial development around such stations. Studies of transit ridership in California indicate that a higher percentage of persons who live or work within walking distance of major transit stations utilize the transit system more than those living elsewhere, and that lower income households are more likely to use transit when living near a major transit station than higher income households. The sale or lease of surplus land at less than fair market value to facilitate the creation of affordable housing near transit is consistent with goals and objectives to achieve optimal transportation use. The Legislature also notes that the Federal Transit Administration gives priority for funding of rail transit proposals to areas that are implementing higher density, mixed-use, and affordable development near major transit stations.
 - SEC. 2. Section 54221 of the Government Code is amended to read:
 - 54221. As used in this article, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) (1) "Local agency" means every city, whether organized under general law or by charter, county, city and county, district, including school, sewer,

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water, utility, and local and regional park districts of any kind or class, joint powers authority, successor agency to a former redevelopment agency, housing authority, or other political subdivision of this state and any instrumentality thereof that is empowered to acquire and hold real property.

- (2) The Legislature finds and declares that the term "district" as used in this article includes all districts within the state, including, but not limited to, all special districts, sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts, and any other political subdivision of this state that is a district, and therefore the changes in paragraph (1) made by the act adding this paragraph that specify that the provisions of this article apply to all districts, including school, sewer, water, utility, and local and regional park districts of any kind or class, are declaratory of, and not a change in, existing law.
- (b) (1) "Surplus land" means land owned in fee simple by any local agency for which the local agency's governing body takes formal action in a regular public meeting declaring that the land is surplus and is not necessary for the agency's use. Land shall be declared either "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land," as supported by written findings, before a local agency may take any action to dispose of it consistent with an agency's policies or procedures. A local agency, on an annual basis, may declare multiple parcels as "surplus land" or "exempt surplus land."
- (2) "Surplus land" includes land held in the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund pursuant to Section 34191.4 of the Health and Safety Code and land that has been designated in the long-range property management plan approved by the Department of Finance pursuant to Section 34191.5 of the Health and Safety Code, either for sale or for future development, but does not include any specific disposal of land to an identified entity described in the plan.
- (3) Nothing in this article prevents a local agency from obtaining fair market value for the disposition of surplus land consistent with Section 54226
- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), "agency's use" shall include, but not be limited to, land that is being used, is planned to be used pursuant to a written plan adopted by the local agency's governing board for, or is disposed to support pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) agency work or operations, including, but not limited to, utility sites, watershed property, land being used for conservation purposes, land for demonstration, exhibition, or educational purposes related to greenhouse gas emissions, and buffer sites near sensitive governmental uses, including, but not limited to, waste water treatment plants.
- (2) (A) "Agency's use" shall not include commercial or industrial uses or activities, including nongovernmental retail, entertainment, or office development. Property disposed of for the sole purpose of investment or generation of revenue shall not be considered necessary for the agency's use.
- (B) In the case of a local agency that is a district, excepting those whose primary mission or purpose is to supply the public with a transportation system, "agency's use" may include commercial or industrial uses or

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activities, including nongovernmental retail, entertainment, or office development or be for the sole purpose of investment or generation of revenue if the agency's governing body takes action in a public meeting declaring that the use of the site will do one of the following:

- (i) Directly further the express purpose of agency work or operations.
- (ii) Be expressly authorized by a statute governing the local agency, provided the district complies with Section 54233.5 where applicable.
- (d) "Open-space purposes" means the use of land for public recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, or conservation or use of natural resources.
- (e) "Persons and families of low or moderate income" has the same meaning as provided in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (f) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), "exempt surplus land" means any of the following:
 - (A) Surplus land that is transferred pursuant to Section 25539.4.
- (B) Surplus land that is (i) less than 5,000 square feet in area, (ii) less than the minimum legal residential building lot size for the jurisdiction in which the parcel is located, or 5,000 square feet in area, whichever is less, or (iii) has no record access and is less than 10,000 square feet in area; and is not contiguous to land owned by a state or local agency that is used for open-space or low- and moderate-income housing purposes. If the surplus land is not sold to an owner of contiguous land, it is not considered exempt surplus land and is subject to this article.
- (C) Surplus land that a local agency is exchanging for another property necessary for the agency's use.
- (D) Surplus land that a local agency is transferring to another local, state, or federal agency for the agency's use.
- (E) Surplus land that is a former street, right of way, or easement, and is conveyed to an owner of an adjacent property.
- (F) Surplus land that is put out to open, competitive bid by a local agency, provided all entities identified in subdivision (a) of Section 54222 will be invited to participate in the competitive bid process, for either of the following purposes:
- (i) A housing development, which may have ancillary commercial ground floor uses, that restricts 100 percent of the residential units to persons and families of low or moderate income, with at least 75 percent of the residential units restricted to lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code, with an affordable sales price or an affordable rent, as defined in Sections 50052.5 or 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, for a minimum of 55 years for rental housing and 45 years for ownership housing, and in no event shall the maximum affordable sales price or rent level be higher than 20 percent below the median market rents or sales prices for the neighborhood in which the site is located.
- (ii) A mixed-use development that is more than one acre in area, that includes not less than 300 housing units, and that restricts at least 25 percent of the residential units to lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code, with an affordable sales price or an affordable rent, as defined in Sections 50052.5 and 50053 of the Health and

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Safety Code, for a minimum of 55 years for rental housing and 45 years for ownership housing.

- (G) Surplus land that is subject to valid legal restrictions that are not imposed by the local agency and that would make housing prohibited, unless there is a feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the prohibition on the site. An existing nonresidential land use designation on the surplus land is not a legal restriction that would make housing prohibited for purposes of this subparagraph. Nothing in this article limits a local jurisdiction's authority or discretion to approve land use, zoning, or entitlement decisions in connection with the surplus land.
- (H) Surplus land that was granted by the state in trust to a local agency or that was acquired by the local agency for trust purposes by purchase or exchange, and for which disposal of the land is authorized or required subject to conditions established by statute.
- (I) Land that is subject to Sections 17388, 17515, 17536, 81192, 81397, 81399, 81420, and 81422 of the Education Code and Part 14 (commencing with Section 53570) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, unless compliance with this article is expressly required.
- (J) Real property that is used by a district for agency's use expressly authorized in subdivision (c).
- (K) Land that has been transferred before June 30, 2019, by the state to a local agency pursuant to Section 32667 of the Streets and Highways Code and has a minimum planned residential density of at least one hundred dwelling units per acre, and includes 100 or more residential units that are restricted to persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code, with an affordable sales price or an affordable rent, as defined in Sections 50052.5 and 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, for a minimum of 55 years for rental housing and 45 years for ownership housing. For purposes of this paragraph, not more than 20 percent of the affordable units may be restricted to persons and families of moderate income and at least 80 percent of the affordable units must be restricted to persons and families of lower income as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a written notice of the availability of surplus land for open-space purposes shall be sent to the entities described in subdivision (b) of Section 54222 prior to disposing of the surplus land, provided the land does not meet the criteria in subparagraph (H) of paragraph (1), if the land is any of the following:
 - (A) Within a coastal zone.
 - (B) Adjacent to a historical unit of the State Parks System.
- (C) Listed on, or determined by the State Office of Historic Preservation to be eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places.
 - (D) Within the Lake Tahoe region as defined in Section 66905.5.
 - SEC. 3. Section 54222 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54222. Except as provided in Division 23 (commencing with Section 33000) of the Public Resources Code, any local agency disposing of surplus land shall send, prior to disposing of that property or participating in

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negotiations to dispose of that property with a prospective transferee, a written notice of availability of the property to all of the following:

- (a) (1) A written notice of availability for the purpose of developing low- and moderate-income housing shall be sent to any local public entity, as defined in Section 50079 of the Health and Safety Code, within whose jurisdiction the surplus land is located. Housing sponsors, as defined by Section 50074 of the Health and Safety Code, that have notified the Department of Housing and Community Development of their interest in surplus land shall be sent a notice of availability of surplus land for the purpose of developing low- and moderate-income housing. All notices shall be sent by electronic mail, or by certified mail, and shall include the location and a description of the property.
- (2) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall maintain on its internet website an up-to-date listing of all notices of availability throughout the state.
 - (b) A written notice of availability for open-space purposes shall be sent:
- (1) To any park or recreation department of any city within which the land may be situated.
- (2) To any park or recreation department of the county within which the land is situated.
- (3) To any regional park authority having jurisdiction within the area in which the land is situated.
- (4) To the State Resources Agency or any agency that may succeed to its powers.
- (c) A written notice of availability of land suitable for school facilities construction or use by a school district for open-space purposes shall be sent to any school district in whose jurisdiction the land is located.
- (d) A written notice of availability for the purpose of developing property located within an infill opportunity zone designated pursuant to Section 65088.4 or within an area covered by a transit village plan adopted pursuant to the Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994 (Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 65460) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7) shall be sent to any county, city, city and county, successor agency to a former redevelopment agency, public transportation agency, or housing authority within whose jurisdiction the surplus land is located.
- (e) The entity or association desiring to purchase or lease the surplus land for any of the purposes authorized by this section shall notify in writing the disposing agency of its interest in purchasing or leasing the land within 60 days after the agency's notice of availability of the land is sent via certified mail or provided via electronic mail.
- (f) For the purposes of this section, "participating in negotiations" does not include the commissioning of appraisals, due diligence prior to disposition, discussions with brokers or real estate agents not representing a potential buyer, or other studies to determine value or best use of land, issuance of a request for qualifications, development of marketing materials, or discussions conducted exclusively among local agency employees and elected officials.

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- SEC. 4. Section 54222.3 of the Government Code is amended to read: 54222.3. This article shall not apply to the disposal of exempt surplus land as defined in Section 54221 by an agency of the state or any local agency.
 - SEC. 5. Section 54223 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54223. (a) After the disposing agency has received a notice of interest from the entity desiring to purchase or lease the land on terms that comply with this article, the disposing agency and the entity shall enter into good faith negotiations to determine a mutually satisfactory sales price and terms or lease terms. If the price or terms cannot be agreed upon after a good faith negotiation period of not less than 90 days, the land may be disposed of without further regard to this article, except that Section 54233 shall apply.
- (b) Residential use shall be deemed an acceptable use for the surplus land for the purposes of good faith negotiations with a local agency conducted pursuant to this article. Nothing in this subdivision shall restrict a local jurisdiction's authority or discretion to approve land use, zoning, or entitlement decisions in connection with the surplus land. Except as provided in subdivision (c), terms agreed to pursuant to the negotiations shall not do any of the following:
 - (1) Disallow residential use of the site as a condition of the disposal.
- (2) Reduce the allowable number of residential units or the maximum lot coverage below what may be allowed by zoning or general plan requirements.
- (3) Require as a condition of disposal, any design standards or architectural requirements that would have a substantial adverse effect on the viability or affordability of a housing development for very low, low-, or moderate-income households, other than the minimum standards required by general plan, zoning, and subdivision standards and criteria.
- (c) Terms agreed to pursuant to the negotiations required by subdivision (a) may include limitations on residential use or density if, without the limitations, the residential use or density would have a specific, adverse impact, supported by written findings, upon the public health or safety or upon the operation or facilities of a local agency, and there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate the impact.
 - SEC. 6. Section 54225 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54225. Any public agency disposing of surplus land to an entity described in Section 54222 that intends to use the land for park or recreation purposes, for open-space purposes, for school purposes, or for low- and moderate-income housing purposes may provide for a payment period of up to 20 years in any contract of sale or sale by trust deed for the land. The payment period for surplus land disposed of for housing for persons and families of low and moderate income may exceed 20 years, but the payment period shall not exceed the term that the land is required to be used for low-or moderate-income housing.
 - SEC. 7. Section 54226 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54226. This article shall not be interpreted to limit the power of any local agency to sell or lease surplus land at fair market value or at less than

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fair market value, and any sale or lease at or less than fair market value consistent with this article shall not be construed as inconsistent with an agency's purpose. No provision of this article shall be applied when it conflicts with any other provision of statutory law.

SEC. 8. Section 54227 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- 54227. (a) In the event that any local agency disposing of surplus land receives a notice of interest to purchase or lease that land from more than one of the entities to which notice of available surplus land was given pursuant to this article, the local agency shall give first priority to the entity or entities that agree to use the site for housing that meets the requirements of Section 54222.5. If the local agency receives offers from more than one entity that agrees to meet the requirements of Section 54222.5, then the local agency shall give priority to the entity that proposes to provide the greatest number of units that meet the requirements of Section 54222.5. In the event that more than one entity proposes the same number of units that meet the requirements of Section 54222.5, priority shall be given to the entity that proposes the deepest average level of affordability for the affordable units. A local agency may negotiate concurrently with all entities that provide notice of interest for the purpose of developing affordable housing that meets the requirements of Section 54222.5.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), first priority shall be given to an entity that agrees to use the site for park or recreational purposes if the land being offered is already being used and will continue to be used for park or recreational purposes, or if the land is designated for park and recreational use in the local general plan and will be developed for that purpose.
- SEC. 9. Section 54230.5 of the Government Code is amended to read: 54230.5. (a) (1) A local agency that disposes of land in violation of this article after receiving a notification from the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to subdivision (b) that the local agency is in violation of this article shall be liable for a penalty of 30 percent of the final sale price of the land sold in violation of this article for a first violation and 50 percent for any subsequent violation. An entity identified in Section 54222 or a person who would have been eligible to apply for residency in any affordable housing developed or a housing organization as defined in Section 65589.5, or any beneficially interested person or entity may bring an action to enforce this section. A local agency shall have 60 days to cure or correct an alleged violation before an action may be brought to enforce this section, unless the local agency disposes of the land before curing or correcting the alleged violation, or the department deems the alleged violation not to be a violation in less than 60 days.
- (2) A penalty assessed pursuant to this subdivision shall, except as otherwise provided, be deposited into a local housing trust fund. The local agency may elect to instead deposit the penalty moneys into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund. Penalties shall not be paid out of funds already dedicated to affordable housing, including, but not limited to, Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds, funds dedicated to housing for very low, low-, and

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moderate-income households, and federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant Program funds. The local agency shall commit and expend the penalty moneys deposited into the local housing trust fund within five years of deposit for the sole purpose of financing newly constructed housing units that are affordable to extremely low, very low, or low-income households.

- (3) Five years after deposit of the penalty moneys into the local housing trust fund, if the funds have not been expended, the funds shall revert to the state and be deposited in the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund for the sole purpose of financing newly constructed housing units located in the same jurisdiction as the surplus land and that are affordable to extremely low, very low, or low-income households. Expenditure of any penalty moneys deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund or the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature.
- (b) (1) Prior to agreeing to terms for the disposition of surplus land, a local agency shall provide to the Department of Housing and Community Development a description of the notices of availability sent, and negotiations conducted with any responding entities, in regard to the disposal of the parcel of surplus land and a copy of any restrictions to be recorded against the property pursuant to Section 54233 or 54233.5, whichever is applicable, in a form prescribed by the Department of Housing and Community Development. A local agency may submit this information after it has sent notices of availability required by Section 54222 and concluded negotiations with any responding agencies. A local agency shall not be liable for the penalty imposed by subdivision (a) if the Department of Housing and Community Development does not notify the agency that the agency is in violation of this article within 30 days of receiving the description.
- (2) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall do all of the following:
- (A) Make available educational resources and materials that informs each agency of its obligations under this article and that provides guidance on how to comply with its provisions.
 - (B) Review information submitted pursuant to paragraph (1).
- (C) Submit written findings to the local agency within 30 days of receipt of the description required by paragraph (1) from the local agency if the proposed disposal of the land will violate this article.
- (D) Review, adopt, amend, or repeal guidelines to establish uniform standards to implement this section. The guidelines adopted pursuant to this subdivision are not subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2.
- (E) Provide the local agency reasonable time, but not less than 60 days, to respond to the findings before taking any other action authorized by this section.

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- (3) (A) The local agency shall consider findings made by the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) and shall do one of the following:
- (i) Correct any issues identified by the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (ii) Provide written findings explaining the reason its process for disposing of surplus land complies with this article and addressing the Department of Housing and Community Development's findings.
- (B) If the local agency does not correct issues identified by the Department of Housing and Community Development, does not provide findings explaining the reason its process for disposing of surplus land complies with this article and addressing the Department of Housing and Community Development's findings, or if the Department of Housing and Community Development finds that the local agency's findings are deficient in addressing the issues identified by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall notify the local agency, and may notify the Attorney General, that the local agency is in violation of this article.
- (c) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall implement the changes in this section made by the act adding this subdivision commencing on January 1, 2021.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), this section shall not be construed to limit any other remedies authorized under law to enforce this article including public records act requests pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1.
 - SEC. 10. Section 54230.6 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 54230.6. The failure by a local agency to comply with this article shall not invalidate the transfer or conveyance of real property to a purchaser or encumbrancer for value.
 - SEC. 11. Section 54233 of the Government Code is amended to read:
- 54233. If the local agency does not agree to price and terms with an entity to which notice of availability of land was given pursuant to this article, or if no entity to which a notice of availability was given pursuant to this article responds to that notice, and 10 or more residential units are developed on the property, not less than 15 percent of the total number of residential units developed on the parcels shall be sold or rented at affordable housing cost, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code, or affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, to lower income households, as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Rental units shall remain affordable to, and occupied by, lower income households for a period of at least 55 years for rental housing and 45 years for ownership housing. The initial occupants of all ownership units shall be lower income households, and the units shall be subject to an equity sharing agreement consistent with the provisions of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915. These requirements shall be contained in a covenant or restriction recorded against the surplus land prior to land use entitlement of the project, and the covenant or restriction

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shall run with the land and shall be enforceable, against any owner who violates a covenant or restriction and each successor in interest who continues the violation, by any of the entities described in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 54222.5. A local agency shall provide a copy of any restrictions recorded against the property to the Department of Housing and Community Development on a form prescribed by the department.

SEC. 12. Section 54233.5 is added to the Government Code, to read:

54233.5. If a local agency that is a district, excepting those whose primary mission or purpose is to supply the public with a transportation system, disposes of surplus land where local zoning permits development of 10 or more residential units or is rezoned within five years of the disposal to permit the development of 10 or more residential units, and 10 or more residential units are developed on the property, not less than 15 percent of the total number of residential units developed on the parcel shall be sold or rented at affordable housing cost, as defined in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code, or affordable rent, as defined in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code, to lower income households as defined in Section 50079.5 of the Health and Safety Code. Rental units shall remain affordable to, and occupied by, lower income households for a period of at least 55 years for rental housing and 45 years for ownership housing. The initial occupants of all ownership units shall be lower income households, and the units shall be subject to an equity sharing agreement consistent with the provisions of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915. These requirements shall be contained in a covenant or restriction recorded against the restriction and each successor in interest who continues the violation, by any of the entities described in subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of Section 54222.5. This section shall not apply to projects as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 32121 of the Health and Safety Code. A local agency shall provide a copy of any restrictions recorded against the property to the Department of Housing and Community Development in a form prescribed by the department.

SEC. 13. Section 54234 is added to the Government Code, to read:

- 54234. (a) (1) If a local agency, as of September 30, 2019, has entered into an exclusive negotiating agreement or legally binding agreement to dispose of property, the provisions of this article as it existed on December 31, 2019, shall apply, without regard to the changes made to this article by the act adding this section, to the disposition of the property to the party that had entered into such agreement or its successors or assigns, provided the disposition is completed not later than December 31, 2022.
- (2) The dates specified in paragraph (1) by which the disposition of property must be completed shall be extended if the disposition of property, the local agency's right or ability to dispose of the property, or a development project for which such property is proposed to be transferred, is the subject of judicial challenge, by petition for writ of mandate, complaint for declaratory relief or otherwise, to the date that is six months following the final conclusion of such litigation.

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- (b) (1) With respect to land held in the Community Redevelopment Property Trust Fund pursuant to Section 34191.4 of the Health and Safety Code, or that has been designated in a long-range property management plan pursuant to Section 34191.5 of the Health and Safety Code, either for sale or retained for future development, this article as it existed on December 31, 2019, without regard to the changes made to this article by the act adding this section which take effect on January 1, 2020, shall apply to the disposition of such property if both of the following apply:
- (A) An exclusive negotiating agreement or legally binding agreement for disposition is entered into not later than December 31, 2020.
 - (B) The disposition is completed not later than December 31, 2022.
- (2) If land described in paragraph (1) is the subject of litigation, including, but not limited to, litigation challenging the disposition of such property, the right or ability to dispose of the property, or a development project for which such property is proposed to be transferred, the dates specified in paragraph (1) shall be extended to the date that is six months following the final conclusion of such litigation.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall authorize or excuse any violation of the provisions of this article as it existed on December 31, 2019, in the disposition of any property to which such provisions apply pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b).
 - SEC. 14. Section 65400.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65400.1. In the annual report provided by the planning agency to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development required pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 65400, the planning agency shall also include a listing of sites owned by the city or county and included in the inventory prepared pursuant to Section 65583.2 that have been sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of in the prior year. The list shall include the entity to whom each site was transferred and the intended use for the site.
- SEC. 15. Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, is amended to read:
- 65583.2. (a) A city's or county's inventory of land suitable for residential development pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583 shall be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with paragraph (9) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583, that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for all income levels pursuant to Section 65584. As used in this section, "land suitable for residential development" includes all of the sites that meet the standards set forth in subdivisions (c) and (g):
 - (1) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.
- (2) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allows residential development.
- (3) Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density, including the airspace above sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.

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- (4) Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use, and for which the housing element includes a program to rezone the site, as necessary, rezoned for, to permit residential use, including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
 - (b) The inventory of land shall include all of the following:
 - (1) A listing of properties by assessor parcel number.
- (2) The size of each property listed pursuant to paragraph (1), and the general plan designation and zoning of each property.
- (3) For nonvacant sites, a description of the existing use of each property. If a site subject to this paragraph is owned by the city or county, the description shall also include whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the planning period and how the city or county will comply with Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.
- (4) A general description of any environmental constraints to the development of housing within the jurisdiction, the documentation for which has been made available to the jurisdiction. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (5) (A) A description of existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities supply, including the availability and access to distribution facilities.
- (B) Parcels included in the inventory must have sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply available and accessible to support housing development or be included in an existing general plan program or other mandatory program or plan, including a program or plan of a public or private entity providing water or sewer service, to secure sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply to support housing development. This paragraph does not impose any additional duty on the city or county to construct, finance, or otherwise provide water, sewer, or dry utilities to parcels included in the inventory.
- (6) Sites identified as available for housing for above moderate-income households in areas not served by public sewer systems. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (7) A map that shows the location of the sites included in the inventory, such as the land use map from the jurisdiction's general plan, for reference purposes only.
- (c) Based on the information provided in subdivision (b), a city or county shall determine whether each site in the inventory can accommodate the development of some portion of its share of the regional housing need by income level during the planning period, as determined pursuant to Section 65584. The inventory shall specify for each site the number of units that can realistically be accommodated on that site and whether the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing, moderate-income housing, or above moderate-income housing. A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing

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need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households. A city that is an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) shall not be subject to the requirements of this subdivision to allow residential use by right. The analysis shall determine whether the inventory can provide for a variety of types of housing, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. The city or county shall determine the number of housing units that can be accommodated on each site as follows:

- (1) If local law or regulations require the development of a site at a minimum density, the department shall accept the planning agency's calculation of the total housing unit capacity on that site based on the established minimum density. If the city or county does not adopt a law or regulation requiring the development of a site at a minimum density, then it shall demonstrate how the number of units determined for that site pursuant to this subdivision will be accommodated.
- (2) The number of units calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements requirement identified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583, the realistic development capacity for the site, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities.
- (A) A site smaller than half an acre shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.
- (B) A site larger than 10 acres shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site can be developed as lower income housing. For purposes of this subparagraph, "site" means that portion of a parcel or parcels designated to accommodate lower income housing needs pursuant to this subdivision.
- (C) A site may be presumed to be realistic for development to accommodate lower income housing need if, at the time of the adoption of

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the housing element, a development affordable to lower income households has been proposed and approved for development on the site.

- (3) For the number of units calculated to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for lower income households pursuant to paragraph (2), a city or county shall do either of the following:
- (A) Provide an analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate this need. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, factors such as market demand, financial feasibility, or information based on development project experience within a zone or zones that provide housing for lower income households.
- (B) The following densities shall be deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households:
- (i) For an incorporated city within a nonmetropolitan county and for a nonmetropolitan county that has a micropolitan area: sites allowing at least 15 units per acre.
- (ii) For an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county not included in clause (i): sites allowing at least 10 units per acre.
 - (iii) For a suburban jurisdiction: sites allowing at least 20 units per acre.
- (iv) For a jurisdiction in a metropolitan county: sites allowing at least 30 units per acre.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a metropolitan county, nonmetropolitan county, and nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area shall be as determined by the United States Census Bureau. A nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area includes the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Tehama, and Tuolumne and other counties as may be determined by the United States Census Bureau to be nonmetropolitan counties with micropolitan areas in the future.
- (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a jurisdiction shall be considered suburban if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than 2,000,000 in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is greater than 100,000, in which case it shall be considered metropolitan. A county, not including the City and County of San Francisco, shall be considered suburban unless the county is in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population in which case the county shall be considered metropolitan.
- (2) (A) (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a county that is in the San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont California MSA has a population of less than 400,000, that county shall be considered suburban. If this county includes an incorporated city that has a population of less than 100,000, this city shall also be considered suburban. This paragraph shall apply to a housing element revision cycle, as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 65588, that is in effect from July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2028, inclusive.
- (ii) A county subject to this subparagraph shall utilize the sum existing in the county's housing trust fund as of June 30, 2013, for the development

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and preservation of housing affordable to low- and very low income households.

- (B) A jurisdiction that is classified as suburban pursuant to this paragraph shall report to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, the Senate Committee on Housing, and the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding its progress in developing low- and very low income housing consistent with the requirements of Section 65400. The report shall be provided three times: once, on or before December 31, 2019, which report shall address the initial four years of the housing element cycle, a second time, on or before December 31, 2023, which report shall address the subsequent four years of the housing element cycle, and a third time, on or before December 31, 2027, which report shall address the subsequent four years of the housing element cycle and the cycle as a whole. The reports shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 9795.
- (f) A jurisdiction shall be considered metropolitan if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements for "suburban area" above and is located in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is less than 25,000 in which case it shall be considered suburban.
- (g) (1) For sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the city or county shall specify the additional development potential for each site within the planning period and shall provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine the development potential. The methodology shall consider factors including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development, the city's or county's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites.
- (2) In addition to the analysis required in paragraph (1), when a city or county is relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate 50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other law, and in addition to the requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2), sites that currently have residential uses, or within the past five years have had residential uses that have been vacated or demolished, that are or were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of low

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or very low income, subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power, or occupied by low or very low income households, shall be subject to a policy requiring the replacement of all those units affordable to the same or lower income level as a condition of any development on the site. Replacement requirements shall be consistent with those set forth in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915.

- (h) The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households during the planning period. These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that permit at least 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites allow 100 percent residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the total floor area of a mixed-use project.
- (i) For purposes of this section and Section 65583, the phrase "use by right" shall mean that the local government's review of the owner-occupied or multifamily residential use may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Any subdivision of the sites shall be subject to all laws, including, but not limited to, the local government ordinance implementing the Subdivision Map Act. A local ordinance may provide that "use by right" does not exempt the use from design review. However, that design review shall not constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Use by right for all rental multifamily residential housing shall be provided in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 65589.5.
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, within one-half mile of a Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit station, housing density requirements in place on June 30, 2014, shall apply.

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- (k) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), the department shall provide guidance to local governments to properly survey, detail, and account for sites listed pursuant to Section 65585.
- (1) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2028, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 15.5. Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, is amended to read:
- 65583.2. (a) A city's or county's inventory of land suitable for residential development pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583 shall be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with paragraph (9) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583, that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for all income levels pursuant to Section 65584. As used in this section, "land suitable for residential development" includes all of the sites that meet the following standards set forth in subdivisions (c) and (g):
 - (1) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.
- (2) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allows residential development.
- (3) Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density, including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
- (4) Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use, and for which the housing element includes a program to rezone the site, as necessary, rezoned for, to permit residential use, including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
 - (b) The inventory of land shall include all of the following:
 - (1) A listing of properties by assessor parcel number.
- (2) The size of each property listed pursuant to paragraph (1), and the general plan designation and zoning of each property.
- (3) For nonvacant sites, a description of the existing use of each property. If a site subject to this paragraph is owned by the city or county, the description shall also include whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the planning period and how the city or county will comply with Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.
- (4) A general description of any environmental constraints to the development of housing within the jurisdiction, the documentation for which has been made available to the jurisdiction. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (5) (A) A description of existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities supply, including the availability and access to distribution facilities.
- (B) Parcels included in the inventory must have sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply available and accessible to support housing development or be included in an existing general plan program or other mandatory program or plan, including a program or plan of a public or private entity providing water or sewer service, to secure sufficient water,

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sewer, and dry utilities supply to support housing development. This paragraph does not impose any additional duty on the city or county to construct, finance, or otherwise provide water, sewer, or dry utilities to parcels included in the inventory.

- (6) Sites identified as available for housing for above moderate-income households in areas not served by public sewer systems. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (7) A map that shows the location of the sites included in the inventory, such as the land use map from the jurisdiction's general plan, for reference purposes only.
- (c) Based on the information provided in subdivision (b), a city or county shall determine whether each site in the inventory can accommodate the development of some portion of its share of the regional housing need by income level during the planning period, as determined pursuant to Section 65584. The inventory shall specify for each site the number of units that can realistically be accommodated on that site and whether the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing, moderate-income housing, or above moderate-income housing. A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households. An unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) shall not be subject to the requirements of this subdivision to allow residential use by right. The analysis shall determine whether the inventory can provide for a variety of types of housing, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. The city or county shall determine the number of housing units that can be accommodated on each site as follows:
- (1) If local law or regulations require the development of a site at a minimum density, the department shall accept the planning agency's calculation of the total housing unit capacity on that site based on the established minimum density. If the city or county does not adopt a law or regulation requiring the development of a site at a minimum density, then it shall demonstrate how the number of units determined for that site pursuant to this subdivision will be accommodated.
- (2) The number of units calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements requirement identified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583,

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the realistic development capacity for the site, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities.

- (A) A site smaller than half an acre shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.
- (B) A site larger than 10 acres shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site can be developed as lower income housing. For purposes of this subparagraph, "site" means that portion of a parcel or parcels designated to accommodate lower income housing needs pursuant to this subdivision.
- (C) A site may be presumed to be realistic for development to accommodate lower income housing need if, at the time of the adoption of the housing element, a development affordable to lower income households has been proposed and approved for development on the site.
- (3) For the number of units calculated to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for lower income households pursuant to paragraph (2), a city or county shall do either of the following:
- (A) Provide an analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate this need. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, factors such as market demand, financial feasibility, or information based on development project experience within a zone or zones that provide housing for lower income households.
- (B) The following densities shall be deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households:
- (i) For an incorporated city within a nonmetropolitan county and for a nonmetropolitan county that has a micropolitan area: sites allowing at least 15 units per acre.
- (ii) For an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county not included in clause (i): sites allowing at least 10 units per acre.
 - (iii) For a suburban jurisdiction: sites allowing at least 20 units per acre.
- (iv) For a jurisdiction in a metropolitan county: sites allowing at least 30 units per acre.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a metropolitan county, nonmetropolitan county, and nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area shall be as determined by the United States Census Bureau. A nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area includes the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Tehama, and Tuolumne and other

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counties as may be determined by the United States Census Bureau to be nonmetropolitan counties with micropolitan areas in the future.

- (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a jurisdiction shall be considered suburban if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than 2,000,000 in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is greater than 100,000, in which case it shall be considered metropolitan. A county, not including the City and County of San Francisco, shall be considered suburban unless the county is in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population in which case the county shall be considered metropolitan.
- (2) (A) (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a county that is in the San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont California MSA has a population of less than 400,000, that county shall be considered suburban. If this county includes an incorporated city that has a population of less than 100,000, this city shall also be considered suburban. This paragraph shall apply to a housing element revision cycle, as described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 65588, that is in effect from July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2028, inclusive.
- (ii) A county subject to this subparagraph shall utilize the sum existing in the county's housing trust fund as of June 30, 2013, for the development and preservation of housing affordable to low- and very low income households.
- (B) A jurisdiction that is classified as suburban pursuant to this paragraph shall report to the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development, the Senate Committee on Housing, and the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding its progress in developing low- and very low income housing consistent with the requirements of Section 65400. The report shall be provided three times: once, on or before December 31, 2019, which report shall address the initial four years of the housing element cycle, a second time, on or before December 31, 2023, which report shall address the subsequent four years of the housing element cycle, and a third time, on or before December 31, 2027, which report shall address the subsequent four years of the housing element cycle and the cycle as a whole. The reports shall be provided consistent with the requirements of Section 9795.
- (f) A jurisdiction shall be considered metropolitan if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements for "suburban area" above and is located in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is less than 25,000 in which case it shall be considered suburban.
- (g) (1) For sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the city or county shall specify the additional development potential for each site within the planning period and shall provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine the development potential. The methodology shall consider factors including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development, the city's or county's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density

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residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites.

- (2) In addition to the analysis required in paragraph (1), when a city or county is relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate 50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other law, and in addition to the requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2), sites that currently have residential uses, or within the past five years have had residential uses that have been vacated or demolished, that are or were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of low or very low income, subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power, or occupied by low or very low income households, shall be subject to a policy requiring the replacement of all those units affordable to the same or lower income level as a condition of any development on the site. Replacement requirements shall be consistent with those set forth in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915.
- (h) The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households during the planning period. These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that permit at least 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites allow 100 percent

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residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the total floor area of a mixed-use project.

- (i) For purposes of this section and Section 65583, the phrase "use by right" shall mean that the local government's review of the owner-occupied or multifamily residential use may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Any subdivision of the sites shall be subject to all laws, including, but not limited to, the local government ordinance implementing the Subdivision Map Act. A local ordinance may provide that "use by right" does not exempt the use from design review. However, that design review shall not constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Use by right for all rental multifamily residential housing shall be provided in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 65589.5.
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, within one-half mile of a Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit station, housing density requirements in place on June 30, 2014, shall apply.
- (k) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), the department shall provide guidance to local governments to properly survey, detail, and account for sites listed pursuant to Section 65585.
- (1) This section shall remain in effect only until December 31, 2028, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 16. Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, is amended to read:
- 65583.2. (a) A city's or county's inventory of land suitable for residential development pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583 shall be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with paragraph (9) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583, that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for all income levels pursuant to Section 65584. As used in this section, "land suitable for residential development" includes all of the sites that meet the standards set forth in subdivisions (c) and (g):
 - (1) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.
- (2) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allows residential development.
- (3) Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density, and sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
- (4) Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use, and for which the housing element includes a program to rezone the sites, as necessary, to permit residential use, including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
 - (b) The inventory of land shall include all of the following:
 - (1) A listing of properties by assessor parcel number.

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(2) The size of each property listed pursuant to paragraph (1), and the general plan designation and zoning of each property.

- (3) For nonvacant sites, a description of the existing use of each property. If a site subject to this paragraph is owned by the city or county, the description shall also include whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the planning period and how the city or county will comply with Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.
- (4) A general description of any environmental constraints to the development of housing within the jurisdiction, the documentation for which has been made available to the jurisdiction. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (5) (A) A description of existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities supply, including the availability and access to distribution facilities.
- (B) Parcels included in the inventory must have sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply available and accessible to support housing development or be included in an existing general plan program or other mandatory program or plan, including a program or plan of a public or private entity providing water or sewer service, to secure sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply to support housing development. This paragraph does not impose any additional duty on the city or county to construct, finance, or otherwise provide water, sewer, or dry utilities to parcels included in the inventory.
- (6) Sites identified as available for housing for above moderate-income households in areas not served by public sewer systems. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (7) A map that shows the location of the sites included in the inventory, such as the land use map from the jurisdiction's general plan for reference purposes only.
- (c) Based on the information provided in subdivision (b), a city or county shall determine whether each site in the inventory can accommodate the development of some portion of its share of the regional housing need by income level during the planning period, as determined pursuant to Section 65584. The inventory shall specify for each site the number of units that can realistically be accommodated on that site and whether the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing, moderate-income housing, or above moderate-income housing. A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are

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affordable to lower income households. A city that is an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) shall not be subject to the requirements of this subdivision to allow residential use by right. The analysis shall determine whether the inventory can provide for a variety of types of housing, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. The city or county shall determine the number of housing units that can be accommodated on each site as follows:

- (1) If local law or regulations require the development of a site at a minimum density, the department shall accept the planning agency's calculation of the total housing unit capacity on that site based on the established minimum density. If the city or county does not adopt a law or regulation requiring the development of a site at a minimum density, then it shall demonstrate how the number of units determined for that site pursuant to this subdivision will be accommodated.
- (2) The number of units calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements requirement identified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583, the realistic development capacity for the site, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities.
- (A) A site smaller than half an acre shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.
- (B) A site larger than 10 acres shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site can be developed as lower income housing. For purposes of this subparagraph, "site" means that portion of a parcel or parcels designated to accommodate lower income housing needs pursuant to this subdivision.
- (C) A site may be presumed to be realistic for development to accommodate lower income housing need if, at the time of the adoption of the housing element, a development affordable to lower income households has been proposed and approved for development on the site.
- (3) For the number of units calculated to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for lower income households pursuant to paragraph (2), a city or county shall do either of the following:

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- (A) Provide an analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate this need. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, factors such as market demand, financial feasibility, or information based on development project experience within a zone or zones that provide housing for lower income households.
- (B) The following densities shall be deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households:
- (i) For an incorporated city within a nonmetropolitan county and for a nonmetropolitan county that has a micropolitan area: sites allowing at least 15 units per acre.
- (ii) For an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county not included in clause (i): sites allowing at least 10 units per acre.
 - (iii) For a suburban jurisdiction: sites allowing at least 20 units per acre.
- (iv) For a jurisdiction in a metropolitan county: sites allowing at least 30 units per acre.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a metropolitan county, nonmetropolitan county, and nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area shall be as determined by the United States Census Bureau. A nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area includes the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Tehama, and Tuolumne and other counties as may be determined by the United States Census Bureau to be nonmetropolitan counties with micropolitan areas in the future.
- (e) A jurisdiction shall be considered suburban if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than 2,000,000 in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is greater than 100,000, in which case it shall be considered metropolitan. A county, not including the City and County of San Francisco, shall be considered suburban unless the county is in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population in which case the county shall be considered metropolitan.
- (f) A jurisdiction shall be considered metropolitan if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements for "suburban area" above and is located in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is less than 25,000 in which case it shall be considered suburban.
- (g) (1) For sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the city or county shall specify the additional development potential for each site within the planning period and shall provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine the development potential. The methodology shall consider factors including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development, the city's or county's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or

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other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites.

- (2) In addition to the analysis required in paragraph (1), when a city or county is relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate 50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other law, and in addition to the requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2), sites that currently have residential uses, or within the past five years have had residential uses that have been vacated or demolished, that are or were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of low or very low income, subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power, or occupied by low or very low income households, shall be subject to a policy requiring the replacement of all those units affordable to the same or lower income level as a condition of any development on the site. Replacement requirements shall be consistent with those set forth in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915.
- (h) The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households during the planning period. These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that permit at least 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites allow 100 percent residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the total floor area of a mixed uses project.
- (i) For purposes of this section and Section 65583, the phrase "use by right" shall mean that the local government's review of the owner-occupied

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or multifamily residential use may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Any subdivision of the sites shall be subject to all laws, including, but not limited to, the local government ordinance implementing the Subdivision Map Act. A local ordinance may provide that "use by right" does not exempt the use from design review. However, that design review shall not constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Use by right for all rental multifamily residential housing shall be provided in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 65589.5.

- (j) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), the department shall provide guidance to local governments to properly survey, detail, and account for sites listed pursuant to Section 65585.
 - (k) This section shall become operative on December 31, 2028.
- SEC. 16.5. Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, is amended to read:
- 65583.2. (a) A city's or county's inventory of land suitable for residential development pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583 shall be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with paragraph (9) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583, that can be developed for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for all income levels pursuant to Section 65584. As used in this section, "land suitable for residential development" includes all of the following sites that meet the standards set forth in subdivisions (c) and (g):
 - (1) Vacant sites zoned for residential use.
- (2) Vacant sites zoned for nonresidential use that allows residential development.
- (3) Residentially zoned sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density, and sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
- (4) Sites zoned for nonresidential use that can be redeveloped for residential use, and for which the housing element includes a program to rezone the site, as necessary, to permit residential use, including sites owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county.
 - (b) The inventory of land shall include all of the following:
 - (1) A listing of properties by assessor parcel number.
- (2) The size of each property listed pursuant to paragraph (1), and the general plan designation and zoning of each property.
- (3) For nonvacant sites, a description of the existing use of each property. If a site subject to this paragraph is owned by the city or county, the description shall also include whether there are any plans to dispose of the property during the planning period and how the city or county will comply with Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.

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- (4) A general description of any environmental constraints to the development of housing within the jurisdiction, the documentation for which has been made available to the jurisdiction. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (5) (A) A description of existing or planned water, sewer, and other dry utilities supply, including the availability and access to distribution facilities.
- (B) Parcels included in the inventory must have sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply available and accessible to support housing development or be included in an existing general plan program or other mandatory program or plan, including a program or plan of a public or private entity providing water or sewer service, to secure sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities supply to support housing development. This paragraph does not impose any additional duty on the city or county to construct, finance, or otherwise provide water, sewer, or dry utilities to parcels included in the inventory.
- (6) Sites identified as available for housing for above moderate-income households in areas not served by public sewer systems. This information need not be identified on a site-specific basis.
- (7) A map that shows the location of the sites included in the inventory, such as the land use map from the jurisdiction's general plan for reference purposes only.
- (c) Based on the information provided in subdivision (b), a city or county shall determine whether each site in the inventory can accommodate the development of some portion of its share of the regional housing need by income level during the planning period, as determined pursuant to Section 65584. The inventory shall specify for each site the number of units that can realistically be accommodated on that site and whether the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing, moderate-income housing, or above moderate-income housing. A nonvacant site identified pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) of subdivision (a) in a prior housing element and a vacant site that has been included in two or more consecutive planning periods that was not approved to develop a portion of the locality's housing need shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate a portion of the housing need for lower income households that must be accommodated in the current housing element planning period unless the site is zoned at residential densities consistent with paragraph (3) of this subdivision and the site is subject to a program in the housing element requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households. A city that is an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county pursuant to clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) shall not be subject to the requirements of this subdivision to allow residential use by right. The analysis shall determine whether the inventory can provide for a variety of types of housing, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. The city or county shall

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determine the number of housing units that can be accommodated on each site as follows:

- (1) If local law or regulations require the development of a site at a minimum density, the department shall accept the planning agency's calculation of the total housing unit capacity on that site based on the established minimum density. If the city or county does not adopt a law or regulation requiring the development of a site at a minimum density, then it shall demonstrate how the number of units determined for that site pursuant to this subdivision will be accommodated.
- (2) The number of units calculated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements requirement identified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 65583, the realistic development capacity for the site, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities.
- (A) A site smaller than half an acre shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income housing.
- (B) A site larger than 10 acres shall not be deemed adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless the locality can demonstrate that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower income housing units as projected for the site or unless the locality provides other evidence to the department that the site can be developed as lower income housing. For purposes of this subparagraph, "site" means that portion of a parcel or parcels designated to accommodate lower income housing needs pursuant to this subdivision.
- (C) A site may be presumed to be realistic for development to accommodate lower income housing need if, at the time of the adoption of the housing element, a development affordable to lower income households has been proposed and approved for development on the site.
- (3) For the number of units calculated to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for lower income households pursuant to paragraph (2), a city or county shall do either of the following:
- (A) Provide an analysis demonstrating how the adopted densities accommodate this need. The analysis shall include, but is not limited to, factors such as market demand, financial feasibility, or information based on development project experience within a zone or zones that provide housing for lower income households.
- (B) The following densities shall be deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households:

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- (i) For an incorporated city within a nonmetropolitan county and for a nonmetropolitan county that has a micropolitan area: sites allowing at least 15 units per acre.
- (ii) For an unincorporated area in a nonmetropolitan county not included in clause (i): sites allowing at least 10 units per acre.
 - (iii) For a suburban jurisdiction: sites allowing at least 20 units per acre.
- (iv) For a jurisdiction in a metropolitan county: sites allowing at least 30 units per acre.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a metropolitan county, nonmetropolitan county, and nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area shall be as determined by the United States Census Bureau. A nonmetropolitan county with a micropolitan area includes the following counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Tehama, and Tuolumne and other counties as may be determined by the United States Census Bureau to be nonmetropolitan counties with micropolitan areas in the future.
- (e) A jurisdiction shall be considered suburban if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) and is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of less than 2,000,000 in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is greater than 100,000, in which case it shall be considered metropolitan. A county, not including the City and County of San Francisco, shall be considered suburban unless the county is in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population in which case the county shall be considered metropolitan.
- (f) A jurisdiction shall be considered metropolitan if the jurisdiction does not meet the requirements for "suburban area" above and is located in an MSA of 2,000,000 or greater in population, unless that jurisdiction's population is less than 25,000 in which case it shall be considered suburban.
- (g) (1) For sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the city or county shall specify the additional development potential for each site within the planning period and shall provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine the development potential. The methodology shall consider factors including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development, the city's or county's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites.
- (2) In addition to the analysis required in paragraph (1), when a city or county is relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate 50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an impediment to

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additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period.

- (3) Notwithstanding any other law, and in addition to the requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2), sites that currently have residential uses, or within the past five years have had residential uses that have been vacated or demolished, that are or were subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of low or very low income, subject to any other form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power, or occupied by low or very low income households, shall be subject to a policy requiring the replacement of all those units affordable to the same or lower income level as a condition of any development on the site. Replacement requirements shall be consistent with those set forth in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65915.
- (h) The program required by subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583 shall accommodate 100 percent of the need for housing for very low and low-income households allocated pursuant to Section 65584 for which site capacity has not been identified in the inventory of sites pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) on sites that shall be zoned to permit owner-occupied and rental multifamily residential use by right for developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households during the planning period. These sites shall be zoned with minimum density and development standards that permit at least 16 units per site at a density of at least 16 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clause (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), shall be at least 20 units per acre in jurisdictions described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c), and shall meet the standards set forth in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b). At least 50 percent of the very low and low-income housing need shall be accommodated on sites designated for residential use and for which nonresidential uses or mixed uses are not permitted, except that a city or county may accommodate all of the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites allow 100 percent residential use and require that residential use occupy 50 percent of the total floor area of a mixed-use project.
- (i) For purposes of this section and Section 65583, the phrase "use by right" shall mean that the local government's review of the owner-occupied or multifamily residential use may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a "project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Any subdivision of the sites shall be subject to all laws, including, but not limited to, the local government ordinance implementing the Subdivision Map Act. A local ordinance may provide that "use by right" does not exempt the use from design review. However, that design review shall not constitute a

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"project" for purposes of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code. Use by right for all rental multifamily residential housing shall be provided in accordance with subdivision (f) of Section 65589.5.

- (j) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), the department shall provide guidance to local governments to properly survey, detail, and account for sites listed pursuant to Section 65585.
 - (k) This section shall become operative on December 31, 2028.
 - SEC. 17. Section 65585.1 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65585.1. (a) The department shall notify the city, county, or city and county and may notify the office of the Attorney General that the city, county, or city and county is in violation of state law, as provided in subdivision (j) of Section 65585, as amended by Chapter 159 of the Statutes of 2019, if the department finds that any local government has taken an action in violation of Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5.
- (b) Subdivisions (k), (*l*), (m), and (n) of Section 65585, as amended by Chapter 159 of the Statutes of 2019, shall apply for any violation of Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5. Any fines imposed pursuant to subdivision (*l*) of Section 65585 for a violation of Article 8 (commencing with Section 54220) of Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 and deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund shall be available for expenditure upon appropriation by the Legislature.
- SEC. 18. (a) Section 15.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, proposed by this bill and Assembly Bill 957. That section of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2020, (2) each bill amends Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 957, in which case that code section, as amended by Assembly Bill 957, shall remain operative only until the operative date of this bill, at which time Section 15.5 of this bill shall become operative, and Section 15 of this bill shall not become operative.
- (b) Section 16.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, proposed by this bill and Assembly Bill 957. That section of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2020, (2) each bill amends Section 65583.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 958 of the Statutes of 2018, and (3) this bill is enacted after Assembly Bill 957, in which case that code section, as amended by Assembly Bill 957, shall remain operative only until the operative date of this bill, at which time Section 16.5 of this bill shall become operative, and Section 16 of this bill shall not become operative.

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SEC. 19. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.