



Livable California is a nonpartisan, statewide coalition of like-minded elected and community leaders, both individual and groups, committed to standing up to big business and government's attempts to undermine local control and land use planning.

Our mission is to empower communities to take local, regional, and state-level actions to support local community planning and decision-making with the goal of an equitable and sustainable future.

Livable California provides networking, legislative analysis, advocacy, education, and actions. We amplify the collective voice of communities on statewide issues. In 2018, we helped defeat SB-827, Senator Scott Wiener's bill that pushed a top-down, one-size-fits-all, high-density housing near transit solution to California's housing problem. Wiener (D-SF) is expected to introduce the bill again in 2019. We will make it easy for affiliated groups to make calls, write emails, contact members of the Transportation and Housing Committee, and join us in lobbying visits to Sacramento.

Our members include elected officials and dedicated activists from long-time neighborhood associations and tenant rights groups. We also welcome newly formed groups waking up to heavy-handed legislation that overrides a community's General Plan and Housing Element, and which threatens infrastructure and destroys communities.

Our key principles include:

- Decision-making by local elected officials closest to the voters is key to a functioning democracy.
- Undue influence on elected officials and bureaucrats by big-money special interests undermines democracy.
- Equity and opportunity for low-income Californians is essential for a fully inclusive, diverse and healthy state.
- Taxpayer money must be gathered and spent transparently and wisely.
- The California Environmental Quality Act should be protected.
- Balance and pace of change must always be considered by communities.

We believe the long-term livability of California depends on moderately-paced growth, balancing residential and commercial development with the financial and environmental capacity of the infrastructure. It must provide opportunity for residents of all income levels and demographics. Businesses must pay fair wages and their fair share of infrastructure costs, including water, transportation, schools and protection of the natural environment.

Big special-interest political spending is damaging California's representative democracy. Livable California believes democracy is worth fighting for and must be protected.