

Reduce Barriers to Development

ASK: Urge support for the Yes In My Backyard Act which encourages government entities to eliminate barriers to housing development.

General Talking Points

- Housing affordability is driven by a variety of factors including income levels, land and resource availability, population growth and housing supply-demand imbalance.
- The physical, regulatory and administrative barriers present in each jurisdiction play a significant role in housing's overall affordability.
- Research has shown that nearly one-third of housing development costs derive from these barriers.
- Reducing such barriers can be a core strategy in addressing housing affordability challenges in communities around the country.
- The Yes in My Backyard (YIMBY) Act helps eliminate barriers to housing development by encouraging jurisdictions to:
 - Identify and reduce exclusionary land-use policies;
 - Promote thoughtful zoning and development strategies; and
 - Periodically report on their efforts to encourage greater housing development.

Senate Meetings

- In the 117th Congress, the YIMBY Act was introduced as S. 1614 by Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Todd Young (R-IN)
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House Meetings

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PRO TIP

Talk about local barriers to development in your community and why they slowed down, stopped, or increased the cost of new or repositioned housing.