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Opposition to New Housing: Origins and Consequences in California

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California's housing crisis is a product, in large part, of local resistance to building new housing. This resistance has many sources, but this talk focuses on the opposition's self-reinforcing nature. Over time, a suspicion of housing has become embedded in local planning, to the point where housing is now treated as a burden to be mitigated, rather than a social good that provides opportunity. Local governments as a result have steadily increased the regulation of new housing. This environment of heavy regulation does not just make new housing harder to build, but also increases the odds that what little housing gets built is expensive and nonconforming. This in turn amplifies negative stereotypes about development, and further reinforces hostility to new housing.



Michael Manville is Associate Professor of Urban Planning in the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. His research examines land use regulations, transportation policy, and local public finance. Dr. Manville's research has been published in journals of planning, economics, urban studies, and sociology. He has received research funding from University Transportation Centers, from the John Randolph Haynes Foundation, and the Transit Center, among others. He has consulted for developers, environmental groups, local governments, and the United Nations. Dr. Manville has an MA and PhD in Urban Planning, both from UCLA Luskin. Prior to joining Luskin as a faculty member, he was Assistant Professor of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University.

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