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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2019—20 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1485

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks**

February 22, 2019

An act to add and repeal amend Section 65913.3 65913.4 of the Government Code, relating to housing.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1485, as amended, Wicks. Housing development: incentives. streamlining.

The Planning and Zoning Law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit, if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards. Existing law requires the objective planning standards to include, among other things, that the development be located in a jurisdiction for which the department determines that the number of units that have been issued building permits is less than the local agency's share of the regional housing needs, by income category, for the applicable reporting period. Existing law requires, among other objective planning standards, that the development be subject to a requirement mandating a minimum percentage of below market rate housing based on one of 3 specified conditions. Existing law requires, among those conditions, a development to dedicate a minimum of 10% of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making AB 1485 -2-

below 80% of the area median income, if the project contains more than 10 units of housing and the locality did not timely submit its latest production report to the Department of Housing and Community Development, or that production report reflects that there were fewer units of above moderate-income housing issued building permits than were required for the regional housing needs assessment cycle for that reporting period.

This bill would, until January 1, 2035, provide specified financial incentives that ensure financial feasibility to a development proponent of a residential housing development in the 9-county San Francisco Bay area region that dedicates at least 20% of the development's housing units to households making no more than 150% of the area median income. The incentives provided to those developments include an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act, a cap on fees imposed under the Mitigation Fee Act, a density bonus of 35%, parking reductions, and a waiver of other locally imposed requirements.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment.

This bill would require a development proponent to submit a request to the local agency on a project proforma that documents the necessity of the requested incentives to make the development financially feasible. The bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a list of market conditions to be included in the project proforma to be considered by the local agency and a methodology for the local agency to evaluate and determine whether the requested financial incentives are necessary to ensure that the development is financially feasible. The bill would require the department to develop a process for a local agency to contract with a qualified development expert to review a project proforma. The bill would require local agencies to report all housing units created pursuant to these provisions to the department, and would require the department

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to adopt guidelines for local agencies to increase the concessions and incentives as needed to assure the financial feasibility and accelerated production of housing units.

This bill would require a development subject to these provisions to be subject to a 12-month discretionary review period that may consist of no more than 2 public hearings. The bill would require a local agency to notify the development proponent in writing if the local agency determines that the development conflicts with any of the requirements provided for these incentives. The bill would allow a local agency to impose conditions of approval on a development if specified conditions are met

This bill would apply only to a residential development project on a site that is zoned for residential development, located in an urban area, as defined, and not located within a historic district, coastal zone, very high fire hazard severity zone, or flood plain. The bill would not apply to developments that would require the demolition of specified types of affordable housing. The bill would require a development subject to these provisions to comply with specified prevailing wage and skilled and trained workforce requirements.

This bill would include findings that the changes proposed by this bill address a matter of statewide concern rather than a municipal affair and, therefore, apply to all cities within the San Francisco Bay area, including charter cities.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the San Francisco Bay area.

By requiring local agencies to provide specified financial incentives to eligible housing developments, 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 no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

This bill would modify that condition to authorize a development to instead dedicate 20% of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making below 120% of the area median income with the average income of the units at or below 100% of the area median income, except as provided. The bill would require the rents charged for those units that are dedicated to housing affordable to households

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between 80% and 120% of area median income be at least 20% below the fair market rent for the country.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes-no. State-mandated local program: yes-no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 65913.4 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:

- 65913.4. (a) A development proponent may submit an application for a development that is subject to the streamlined, ministerial approval process provided by subdivision (b) and is not subject to a conditional use permit if the development satisfies all of the following objective planning standards:
- (1) The development is a multifamily housing development that contains two or more residential units.
- (2) The development is located on a site that satisfies all of the following:
- (A) A site that is a legal parcel or parcels located in a city if, and only if, the city boundaries include some portion of either an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau, or, for unincorporated areas, a legal parcel or parcels wholly within the boundaries of an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau.
- (B) A site in which at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels that are developed with urban uses. For the purposes of this section, parcels that are only separated by a street or highway shall be considered to be adjoined.
- (C) A site that is zoned for residential use or residential mixed-use development, or has a general plan designation that allows residential use or a mix of residential and nonresidential uses, with at least two-thirds of the square footage of the development designated for residential use.
- (3) (A) The development proponent has committed to record, prior to the issuance of the first building permit, a land use restriction or covenant providing that any lower income housing units required pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) shall remain available at affordable housing costs or rent to persons and families of lower income for no less than the following periods of

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(i) Fifty-five years for units that are rented.

- (ii) Forty-five years for units that are owned.
- (B) The city or county shall require the recording of covenants or restrictions implementing this paragraph for each parcel or unit of real property included in the development.
  - (4) The development satisfies both of the following:
- (A) Is located in a locality that the department has determined is subject to this subparagraph on the basis that the number of units that have been issued building permits is less than the locality's share of the regional housing needs, by income category, for that reporting period. A locality shall remain eligible under this subparagraph until the department's determination for the next reporting period.
- (B) The development is subject to a requirement mandating a minimum percentage of below market rate housing based on one of the following:
- (i) The locality did not submit its latest production report to the department by the time period required by Section 65400, or that production report reflects that there were fewer units of above moderate-income housing issued building permits than were required for the regional housing needs assessment cycle for that reporting period. In addition, if the project contains more than 10 units of housing, the project-seeking approval dedicates either:
- (I) Dedicates a minimum of 10 percent of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income. If However, if the locality has adopted a local ordinance that requires that greater than 10 percent of the units be dedicated to housing affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income, that local ordinance applies.
- (II) Dedicates 20 percent of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making below 120 percent of the area median income with the average income of the units at or below 100 percent of the area median income. However, if the locality has adopted a local ordinance that requires that greater than 20 percent of the units be dedicated to housing affordable to households making below 120 percent of the area median income, that local ordinance applies. In order to comply with this subclause, the rent charged for units that are dedicated to housing affordable to households between 80 percent and 120 percent of

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area median income shall be at least 20 percent below the fair market rent for the county at that time. For purposes of this subclause, "fair market rent" has the same meaning as defined in Section 53590 of the Health and Safety Code.

- (ii) The locality's latest production report reflects that there were fewer units of housing issued building permits affordable to either very low income or low-income households by income category than were required for the regional housing needs assessment cycle for that reporting period, and the project seeking approval dedicates 50 percent of the total number of units to housing affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income, unless income. However, if the locality has adopted a local ordinance that requires that greater than 50 percent of the units be dedicated to housing affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income, in which ease that local ordinance applies.
- (iii) The locality did not submit its latest production report to the department by the time period required by Section 65400, or if the production report reflects that there were fewer units of housing affordable to both income levels described in clauses (i) and (ii) that were issued building permits than were required for the regional housing needs assessment cycle for that reporting period, the project seeking approval may choose between utilizing clause (i) or (ii).
- (5) The development, excluding any additional density or any other concessions, incentives, or waivers of development standards granted pursuant to the Density Bonus Law in Section 65915, is consistent with objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review standards in effect at the time that the development is submitted to the local government pursuant to this section. For purposes of this paragraph, "objective zoning standards," "objective subdivision standards," "objective design review standards" mean standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion available and knowable by both the development applicant or proponent and the public official before submittal. These standards may be embodied in alternative objective land use specifications adopted by a city or county, and may include, but are not limited to, housing overlay zones, specific

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plans, inclusionary zoning ordinances, and density bonus ordinances, subject to the following:

- (A) A development shall be deemed consistent with the objective zoning standards related to housing density, as applicable, if the density proposed is compliant with the maximum density allowed within that land use designation, notwithstanding any specified maximum unit allocation that may result in fewer units of housing being permitted.
- (B) In the event that objective zoning, general plan, subdivision, or design review standards are mutually inconsistent, a development shall be deemed consistent with the objective zoning and subdivision standards pursuant to this subdivision if the development is consistent with the standards set forth in the general plan.
- (C) The amendments to this subdivision made by the act adding this subparagraph do not constitute a change in, but are declaratory of, existing law.
- (6) The development is not located on a site that is any of the following:
- (A) A coastal zone, as defined in Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code.
- (B) Either prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance, as defined pursuant to United States Department of Agriculture land inventory and monitoring criteria, as modified for California, and designated on the maps prepared by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the Department of Conservation, or land zoned or designated for agricultural protection or preservation by a local ballot measure that was approved by the voters of that jurisdiction.
- (C) Wetlands, as defined in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Manual, Part 660 FW 2 (June 21, 1993).
- (D) Within a very high fire hazard severity zone, as determined by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 51178, or within a high or very high fire hazard severity zone as indicated on maps adopted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 4202 of the Public Resources Code. This subparagraph does not apply to sites excluded from the specified hazard zones by a local agency, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51179, or sites that have adopted fire hazard mitigation measures pursuant to existing

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building standards or state fire mitigation measures applicable to
 the development.
 (E) A hazardous waste site that is listed pursuant to Section

- (E) A hazardous waste site that is listed pursuant to Section 65962.5 or a hazardous waste site designated by the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code, unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control has cleared the site for residential use or residential mixed uses.
- (F) Within a delineated earthquake fault zone as determined by the State Geologist in any official maps published by the State Geologist, unless the development complies with applicable seismic protection building code standards adopted by the California Building Standards Commission under the California Building Standards Law (Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code), and by any local building department under Chapter 12.2 (commencing with Section 8875) of Division 1 of Title 2.
- (G) Within a special flood hazard area subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood (100-year flood) as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in any official maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If a development proponent is able to satisfy all applicable federal qualifying criteria in order to provide that the site satisfies this subparagraph and is otherwise eligible for streamlined approval under this section, a local government shall not deny the application on the basis that the development proponent did not comply with any additional permit requirement, standard, or action adopted by that local government that is applicable to that site. A development may be located on a site described in this subparagraph if either of the following are met:
- (i) The site has been subject to a Letter of Map Revision prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and issued to the local jurisdiction.
- (ii) The site meets Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements necessary to meet minimum flood plain management criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to Part 59 (commencing with Section 59.1) and Part 60 (commencing with Section 60.1) of Subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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(H) Within a regulatory floodway as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in any official maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, unless the development has received a no-rise certification in accordance with Section 60.3(d)(3) of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If a development proponent is able to satisfy all applicable federal qualifying criteria in order to provide that the site satisfies this subparagraph and is otherwise eligible for streamlined approval under this section, a local government shall not deny the application on the basis that the development proponent did not comply with any additional permit requirement, standard, or action adopted by that local government that is applicable to that site.

- (I) Lands identified for conservation in an adopted natural community conservation plan pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), habitat conservation plan pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), or other adopted natural resource protection plan.
- (J) Habitat for protected species identified as candidate, sensitive, or species of special status by state or federal agencies, fully protected species, or species protected by the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), or the Native Plant Protection Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1900) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code).
  - (K) Lands under conservation easement.
- (7) The development is not located on a site where any of the following apply:
- (A) The development would require the demolition of the following types of housing:
- (i) Housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income.
- (ii) Housing that is subject to any form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power.
- 39 (iii) Housing that has been occupied by tenants within the past 40 10 years.

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(B) The site was previously used for housing that was occupied by tenants that was demolished within 10 years before the development proponent submits an application under this section.

- (C) The development would require the demolition of a historic structure that was placed on a national, state, or local historic register.
- (D) The property contains housing units that are occupied by tenants, and units at the property are, or were, subsequently offered for sale to the general public by the subdivider or subsequent owner of the property.
- (8) The development proponent has done both of the following, as applicable:
- (A) Certified to the locality that either of the following is true, as applicable:
- (i) The entirety of the development is a public work for purposes of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.
- (ii) If the development is not in its entirety a public work, that all construction workers employed in the execution of the development will be paid at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the type of work and geographic area, as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to Sections 1773 and 1773.9 of the Labor Code, except that apprentices registered in programs approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards may be paid at least the applicable apprentice prevailing rate. If the development is subject to this subparagraph, then for those portions of the development that are not a public work all of the following shall apply:
- (I) The development proponent shall ensure that the prevailing wage requirement is included in all contracts for the performance of the work.
- (II) All contractors and subcontractors shall pay to all construction workers employed in the execution of the work at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, except that apprentices registered in programs approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards may be paid at least the applicable apprentice prevailing rate.
- (III) Except as provided in subclause (V), all contractors and subcontractors shall maintain and verify payroll records pursuant

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to Section 1776 of the Labor Code and make those records available for inspection and copying as provided therein.

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- (IV) Except as provided in subclause (V), the obligation of the contractors and subcontractors to pay prevailing wages may be enforced by the Labor Commissioner through the issuance of a civil wage and penalty assessment pursuant to Section 1741 of the Labor Code, which may be reviewed pursuant to Section 1742 of the Labor Code, within 18 months after the completion of the development, by an underpaid worker through an administrative complaint or civil action, or by a joint labor-management committee though a civil action under Section 1771.2 of the Labor Code. If a civil wage and penalty assessment is issued, the contractor, subcontractor, and surety on a bond or bonds issued to secure the payment of wages covered by the assessment shall be liable for liquidated damages pursuant to Section 1742.1 of the Labor Code.
- (V) Subclauses (III) and (IV) shall not apply if all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the development are subject to a project labor agreement that requires the payment of prevailing wages to all construction workers employed in the execution of the development and provides for enforcement of that obligation through an arbitration procedure. For purposes of this clause, "project labor agreement" has the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2500 of the Public Contract Code.
- (VI) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 1773.1 of the Labor Code, the requirement that employer payments not reduce the obligation to pay the hourly straight time or overtime wages found to be prevailing shall not apply if otherwise provided in a bona fide collective bargaining agreement covering the worker. The requirement to pay at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages does not preclude use of an alternative workweek schedule adopted pursuant to Section 511 or 514 of the Labor Code.
- (B) (i) For developments for which any of the following conditions apply, certified that a skilled and trained workforce shall be used to complete the development if the application is approved:
- (I) On and after January 1, 2018, until December 31, 2021, the development consists of 75 or more units with a residential

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component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction located in a coastal or bay county with a population of 225,000 or more.

- (II) On and after January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2025, the development consists of 50 or more units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction located in a coastal or bay county with a population of 225,000 or more.
- (III) On and after January 1, 2018, until December 31, 2019, the development consists of 75 or more units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction with a population of fewer than 550,000 and that is not located in a coastal or bay county.
- (IV) On and after January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2021, the development consists of more than 50 units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction with a population of fewer than 550,000 and that is not located in a coastal or bay county.
- (V) On and after January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2025, the development consists of more than 25 units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction with a population of fewer than 550,000 and that is not located in a coastal or bay county.
- (ii) For purposes of this section, "skilled and trained workforce" has the same meaning as provided in Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.
- (iii) If the development proponent has certified that a skilled and trained workforce will be used to complete the development and the application is approved, the following shall apply:
- (I) The applicant shall require in all contracts for the performance of work that every contractor and subcontractor at every tier will individually use a skilled and trained workforce to complete the development.
- (II) Every contractor and subcontractor shall use a skilled and trained workforce to complete the development.
- (III) Except as provided in subclause (IV), the applicant shall provide to the locality, on a monthly basis while the development or contract is being performed, a report demonstrating compliance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of

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1 Division 2 of the Public Contract Code. A monthly report provided 2 to the locality pursuant to this subclause shall be a public record 3 under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing 4 with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) and shall be open to 5 public inspection. An applicant that fails to provide a monthly 6 report demonstrating compliance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing 7 with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract 8 Code shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per month for each month for which the report has not 10 been provided. Any contractor or subcontractor that fails to use a 11 skilled and trained workforce shall be subject to a civil penalty of 12 two hundred dollars (\$200) per day for each worker employed in 13 contravention of the skilled and trained workforce requirement. 14 Penalties may be assessed by the Labor Commissioner within 18 15 months of completion of the development using the same 16 procedures for issuance of civil wage and penalty assessments 17 pursuant to Section 1741 of the Labor Code, and may be reviewed 18 pursuant to the same procedures in Section 1742 of the Labor 19 Code. Penalties shall be paid to the State Public Works 20 Enforcement Fund. 21

- (IV) Subclause (III) shall not apply if all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the development are subject to a project labor agreement that requires compliance with the skilled and trained workforce requirement and provides for enforcement of that obligation through an arbitration procedure. For purposes of this subparagraph, "project labor agreement" has the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2500 of the Public Contract Code.
- (C) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), a development that is subject to approval pursuant to this section is exempt from any requirement to pay prevailing wages or use a skilled and trained workforce if it meets both of the following:
  - (i) The project includes 10 or fewer units.

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- (ii) The project is not a public work for purposes of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.
- (9) The development did not or does not involve a subdivision of a parcel that is, or, notwithstanding this section, would otherwise be, subject to the Subdivision Map Act (Division 2 (commencing with Section 66410)) or any other applicable law authorizing the

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subdivision of land, unless the development is consistent with all objective subdivision standards in the local subdivision ordinance, and either of the following apply:

- (A) The development has received or will receive financing or funding by means of a low-income housing tax credit and is subject to the requirement that prevailing wages be paid pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (8).
- (B) The development is subject to the requirement that prevailing wages be paid, and a skilled and trained workforce used, pursuant to paragraph (8).
- (10) The development shall not be upon an existing parcel of land or site that is governed under the Mobilehome Residency Law (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 798) of Title 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code), the Recreational Vehicle Park Occupancy Law (Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 799.20) of Title 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code), the Mobilehome Parks Act (Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code), or the Special Occupancy Parks Act (Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 18860) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code).
- (b) (1) If a local government determines that a development submitted pursuant to this section is in conflict with any of the objective planning standards specified in subdivision (a), it shall provide the development proponent written documentation of which standard or standards the development conflicts with, and an explanation for the reason or reasons the development conflicts with that standard or standards, as follows:
- (A) Within 60 days of submittal of the development to the local government pursuant to this section if the development contains 150 or fewer housing units.
- (B) Within 90 days of submittal of the development to the local government pursuant to this section if the development contains more than 150 housing units.
- (2) If the local government fails to provide the required documentation pursuant to paragraph (1), the development shall be deemed to satisfy the objective planning standards specified in subdivision (a).
- (c) (1) Any design review or public oversight of the development may be conducted by the local government's planning commission or any equivalent board or commission responsible

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for review and approval of development projects, or the city council 2 or board of supervisors, as appropriate. That design review or 3 public oversight shall be objective and be strictly focused on 4 assessing compliance with criteria required for streamlined projects, 5 as well as any reasonable objective design standards published 6 and adopted by ordinance or resolution by a local jurisdiction 7 before submission of a development application, and shall be 8 broadly applicable to development within the jurisdiction. That 9 design review or public oversight shall be completed as follows 10 and shall not in any way inhibit, chill, or preclude the ministerial 11 approval provided by this section or its effect, as applicable:

(A) Within 90 days of submittal of the development to the local government pursuant to this section if the development contains 150 or fewer housing units.

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- (B) Within 180 days of submittal of the development to the local government pursuant to this section if the development contains more than 150 housing units.
- (2) If the development is consistent with the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (9) of subdivision (a) and is consistent with all objective subdivision standards in the local subdivision ordinance, an application for a subdivision pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (Division 2 (commencing with Section 66410)) shall be exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) and shall be subject to the public oversight timelines set forth in paragraph (1).
- (d) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, a local government, whether or not it has adopted an ordinance governing automobile parking requirements in multifamily developments, shall not impose automobile parking standards for a streamlined development that was approved pursuant to this section in any of the following instances:
- 33 (A) The development is located within one-half mile of public 34 transit.
  - (B) The development is located within an architecturally and historically significant historic district.
  - (C) When on-street parking permits are required but not offered to the occupants of the development.
- (D) When there is a car share vehicle located within one block 40 of the development.

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(2) If the development does not fall within any of the categories described in paragraph (1), the local government shall not impose automobile parking requirements for streamlined developments approved pursuant to this section that exceed one parking space per unit.

- (e) (1) If a local government approves a development pursuant to this section, then, notwithstanding any other law, that approval shall not expire if the project includes public investment in housing affordability, beyond tax credits, where 50 percent of the units are affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income.
- (2) If a local government approves a development pursuant to this section and the project does not include 50 percent of the units affordable to households making below 80 percent of the area median income, that approval shall automatically expire after three years except that a project may receive a one-time, one-year extension if the project proponent can provide documentation that there has been significant progress toward getting the development construction ready, such as filing a building permit application.
- (3) If a local government approves a development pursuant to this section, that approval shall remain valid for three years from the date of the final action establishing that approval and shall remain valid thereafter for a project so long as vertical construction of the development has begun and is in progress. Additionally, the development proponent may request, and the local government shall have discretion to grant, an additional one-year extension to the original three-year period. The local government's action and discretion in determining whether to grant the foregoing extension shall be limited to considerations and process set forth in this section.
- (f) A local government shall not adopt any requirement, including, but not limited to, increased fees or inclusionary housing requirements, that applies to a project solely or partially on the basis that the project is eligible to receive ministerial or streamlined approval pursuant to this section.
- (g) This section shall not affect a development proponent's ability to use any alternative streamlined by right permit processing adopted by a local government, including the provisions of subdivision (i) of Section 65583.2.

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(h) The California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) does not apply to actions taken by a state agency or local government to lease, convey, or encumber land owned by the local government or to facilitate the lease, conveyance, or encumbrance of land owned by the local government, or to provide financial assistance to a development that receives streamlined approval pursuant to this section that is to be used for housing for persons and families of very low, low, or moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code.

- (i) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) "Affordable housing cost" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 50052.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (2) "Affordable rent" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 50053 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (3) "Department" means the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (4) "Development proponent" means the developer who submits an application for streamlined approval pursuant to this section.
- (5) "Completed entitlements" means a housing development which has received all the required land use approvals or entitlements necessary for the issuance of a building permit.
- (6) "Locality" or "local government" means a city, including a charter city, a county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.
- (7) "Production report" means the information reported pursuant to subparagraph (H) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 65400.
- (8) "State agency" includes every state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, and commission, but does not include the California State University or the University of California.
- (9) "Subsidized" means units that are price or rent restricted such that the units are permanently affordable to households meeting the definitions of very low and lower income, as defined in Sections 50079.5 and 50105 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - (10) "Reporting period" means either of the following:
- 39 (A) The first half of the regional housing needs assessment 40 cycle.

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(B) The last half of the regional housing needs assessment cycle.

- (11) "Urban uses" means any current or former residential, commercial, public institutional, transit or transportation passenger facility, or retail use, or any combination of those uses.
- (j) The department may review, adopt, amend, and repeal guidelines to implement uniform standards or criteria that supplement or clarify the terms, references, or standards set forth in this section. Any guidelines or terms adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall not be subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- (k) The determination of whether an application for a development is subject to the streamlined ministerial approval process provided by subdivision (b) is not a "project" as defined in Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code.
- (*l*) It is the policy of the state that this section be interpreted and implemented in a manner to afford the fullest possible weight to the interest of, and the approval and provision of, increased housing supply.
- (m) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.
- SECTION 1. Section 65913.3 is added to the Government Code, to read:
- 65913.3. (a) A development proponent that satisfies all of the following requirements may apply to the local agency for any of the incentives listed in subdivision (d) to offset the costs associated with providing deed-restricted affordable housing units and ensure the development is financially feasible:
  - (1) The development is a residential development project.
- (2) The development complies with all existing zoning standards imposed by the local agency.
- (3) The development is located in the nine-county San Francisco Bay area region.
- (4) (A) The development proponent dedicates a percentage of the total number of for-sale and rental units to households making 150 percent of the area median income or less, with an average area median income of the affordable units not to exceed 120 percent of the area median income.
- (B) The development applicant or proponent shall agree to, and the city or county shall ensure, the continued affordability of all

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the units subject to this paragraph for 55 years or a longer period of time if required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, mortgage insurance program, or rental subsidy program.

- (C) The development proponent or applicant shall agree to, and the city or county shall ensure that, the initial occupant of all for-sale units under this paragraph are persons meeting the requirements of subparagraph (A). The local agency shall enforce an equity sharing agreement, unless it is in conflict with the requirements of another public funding source or law. The following apply to the equity sharing agreement:
- (i) Upon resale, the seller of the unit shall retain the value of any improvements, the downpayment, and the seller's proportionate share of appreciation. The local agency shall recapture any initial subsidy and its proportionate share of appreciation the local agency shall use, within five years of the recapture, use any amounts recaptured for the construction, rehabilitation, or preservation of affordable housing for extremely low, very low, low- and moderate-income persons or families as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 33334.2 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - (ii) For purposes of this paragraph:

- (I) "Initial subsidy" means the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale minus the initial sale price to the moderate-income household, plus the amount of any downpayment assistance or mortgage assistance. If upon resale the market value is lower than the initial market value, then the value at the time of the resale shall be used as the initial market value.
- (II) "Proportionate share of appreciation" means the ratio of the local agency's initial subsidy to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale.
- (5) The development, excluding any additional density or any other concessions, incentives, or waivers of development standards granted pursuant to the Density Bonus Law in Section 65915, is consistent with objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review standards in effect at the time that the development is submitted to the local government pursuant to this section.
- (6) The development is located on a site that satisfies all of the following:

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(A) A site that is a legal parcel or parcels located in a city if, and only if, the city boundaries include some portion of either an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau, or, for unincorporated areas, a legal parcel or parcels wholly within the boundaries of an urbanized area or urban cluster, as designated by the United States Census Bureau.

- (B) A site in which at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site adjoins parcels that are developed with urban uses. For the purposes of this section, parcels that are only separated by a street or highway shall be considered to be adjoined.
- (C) A site that is zoned for residential use or residential mixed-use development, or has a general plan designation that allows residential use or a mix of residential and nonresidential uses, with at least two-thirds of the square footage of the development designated for residential use.
- (7) The development is not located on a site that is any of the following:
- (A) A coastal zone, as defined in Division 20 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code.
- (B) Either prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance, as defined pursuant to United States Department of Agriculture land inventory and monitoring criteria, as modified for California, and designated on the maps prepared by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the Department of Conservation, or land zoned or designated for agricultural protection or preservation by a local ballot measure that was approved by the voters of that jurisdiction.
- (C) Wetlands, as defined in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Manual, Part 660 FW 2 (June 21, 1993).
- (D) Within a very high fire hazard severity zone, as determined by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 51178, or within a high or very high fire hazard severity zone as indicated on maps adopted by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 4202 of the Public Resources Code. A site is not ineligible within the meaning of this subparagraph if it is either of the following:
- 37 (i) A site excluded from the specified hazard zones by a local agency, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51179.

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(ii) A site that has adopted fire hazard mitigation measures pursuant to existing building standards or state fire mitigation measures applicable to the development.

- (E) A hazardous waste site that is listed pursuant to Section 65962.5 or a hazardous waste site designated by the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code, unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control has cleared the site for residential use or residential mixed uses.
- (F) Within a delineated earthquake fault zone as determined by the State Geologist in any official maps published by the State Geologist, unless the development complies with applicable seismic protection building code standards adopted by the California Building Standards Commission under the California Building Standards Law (Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code), and by any local building department under Chapter 12.2 (commencing with Section 8875) of Division 1 of Title 2.
- (G) Within a special flood hazard area subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood (100-year flood) as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in any official maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If a development proponent is able to satisfy all applicable federal qualifying criteria in order to provide that the site satisfies this subparagraph and is otherwise eligible for streamlined approval under this section, a local agency shall not deny the application on the basis that the development proponent did not comply with any additional permit requirement, standard, or action adopted by that local agency that is applicable to that site. A development may be located on a site described in this subparagraph if either of the following are met:
- (i) The site has been subject to a Letter of Map Revision prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and issued to the local agency.
- (ii) The site meets Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements necessary to meet minimum flood plain management eriteria of the National Flood Insurance Program pursuant to Part 59 (commencing with Section 59.1) and Part 60 (commencing with Section 60.1) of Subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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(H) Within a regulatory floodway as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in any official maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, unless the development has received a no-rise certification in accordance with Section 60.3(d)(3) of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations. If a development proponent is able to satisfy all applicable federal qualifying criteria in order to provide that the site satisfies this subparagraph and is otherwise eligible for streamlined approval under this section, a local agency shall not deny the application on the basis that the development proponent did not comply with any additional permit requirement, standard, or action adopted by that local agency that is applicable to that site.

- (I) Lands identified for conservation in an adopted natural community conservation plan pursuant to the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), habitat conservation plan pursuant to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), or other adopted natural resource protection plan.
- (J) Habitat for protected species identified as candidate, sensitive, or species of special status by state or federal agencies, fully protected species, or species protected by the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.), the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code), or the Native Plant Protection Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 1900) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code).
  - (K) Lands under conservation easement.
- (8) The development is not located on a site where any of the following apply:
- (A) The development would require the demolition of the following types of housing:
- (i) Housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income.
- (ii) Housing that is subject to any form of rent or price control through a public entity's valid exercise of its police power.
- 39 (iii) Housing that has been occupied by tenants within the past 40 10 years.

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(B) The site was previously used for housing that was occupied by tenants that was demolished within 10 years before the development proponent submits an application under this section.

- (C) The development would require the demolition of a historic structure that was placed on a national, state, or local historic register.
- (D) The property contains housing units that are occupied by tenants, and units at the property are, or were, subsequently offered for sale to the general public by the subdivider or subsequent owner of the property.
- (9) The development proponent has done both of the following, as applicable:
- (A) Certified to the local agency that either of the following is true, as applicable:
- (i) The entirety of the development is a public work for purposes of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.
- (ii) If the development is not in its entirety a public work, that all construction workers employed in the execution of the development will be paid at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the type of work and geographic area, as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to Sections 1773 and 1773.9 of the Labor Code, except that apprentices registered in programs approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards may be paid at least the applicable apprentice prevailing rate. If the development is subject to this subparagraph, then for those portions of the development that are not a public work all of the following shall apply:
- (I) The development proponent shall ensure that the prevailing wage requirement is included in all contracts for the performance of the work.
- (II) All contractors and subcontractors shall pay to all construction workers employed in the execution of the work at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, except that apprentices registered in programs approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards may be paid at least the applicable apprentice prevailing rate.
- (III) Except as provided in subclause (V), all contractors and subcontractors shall maintain and verify payroll records pursuant

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to Section 1776 of the Labor Code and make those records
 available for inspection and copying as provided therein.

- (IV) Except as provided in subclause (V), the obligation of the contractors and subcontractors to pay prevailing wages may be enforced by the Labor Commissioner through the issuance of a civil wage and penalty assessment pursuant to Section 1741 of the Labor Code, which may be reviewed pursuant to Section 1742 of the Labor Code, within 18 months of the completion of the development, by an underpaid worker through an administrative complaint or civil action, or by a joint labor-management committee though a civil action under Section 1771.2 of the Labor Code. If a civil wage and penalty assessment is issued, the contractor, subcontractor, and surety on a bond or bonds issued to secure the payment of wages covered by the assessment shall be liable for liquidated damages pursuant to Section 1742.1 of the Labor Code.
- (V) Subclauses (III) and (IV) shall not apply if all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the development are subject to a project labor agreement that requires the payment of prevailing wages to all construction workers employed in the execution of the development and provides for enforcement of that obligation through an arbitration procedure.
- (VI) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 1773.1 of the Labor Code, the requirement that employer payments not reduce the obligation to pay the hourly straight time or overtime wages found to be prevailing shall not apply if otherwise provided in a bona fide collective bargaining agreement covering the worker. The requirement to pay at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages does not preclude use of an alternative workweek schedule adopted pursuant to Section 511 or 514 of the Labor Code.
- (B) (i) For developments for which any of the following conditions apply, certified that a skilled and trained workforce shall be used to complete the development if the application is approved:
- (I) On and after January 1, 2020, until December 31, 2021, the development consists of 75 or more units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction with a population of 225,000 or more.

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(II) On and after January 1, 2022, until December 31, 2025, the development consists of 50 or more units with a residential component that is not 100 percent subsidized affordable housing and will be located within a jurisdiction with a population of 225,000 or more.

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- (ii) If the development proponent has certified that a skilled and trained workforce will be used to complete the development and the application is approved, the following shall apply:
- (I) The applicant shall require in all contracts for the performance of work that every contractor and subcontractor at every tier will individually use a skilled and trained workforce to complete the development.
- (II) Every contractor and subcontractor shall use a skilled and trained workforce to complete the development.
- (III) Except as provided in subclause (IV), the applicant shall provide to the local agency, on a monthly basis while the development or contract is being performed, a report demonstrating compliance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code. A monthly report provided to the local agency pursuant to this subclause shall be a public record under the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) and shall be open to public inspection. An applicant that fails to provide a monthly report demonstrating compliance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code shall be subject to a civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per month for each month for which the report has not been provided. Any contractor or subcontractor that fails to use a skilled and trained workforce shall be subject to a civil penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200) per day for each worker employed in contravention of the skilled and trained workforce requirement. Penalties may be assessed by the Labor Commissioner within 18 months of completion of the development using the same procedures for issuance of civil wage and penalty assessments pursuant to Section 1741 of the Labor Code, and may be reviewed pursuant to the same procedures in Section 1742 of the Labor Code. Penalties shall be paid to the State Public Works Enforcement Fund.
- (IV) Subclause (III) shall not apply if all contractors and subcontractors performing work on the development are subject

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to a project labor agreement that requires compliance with the skilled and trained workforce requirement and provides for enforcement of that obligation through an arbitration procedure.

- (C) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), a development that is subject to approval pursuant to this section is exempt from any requirement to pay prevailing wages or use a skilled and trained workforce if it meets both of the following:
  - (i) The development includes 10 or fewer units.
- (ii) The development is not a public work for purposes of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1720) of Part 7 of Division 2 of the Labor Code.
- (10) The development did not or does not involve a subdivision of a parcel that is, or, notwithstanding this section, would otherwise be, subject to the Subdivision Map Act (Division 2 (commencing with Section 66410)) or any other applicable law authorizing the subdivision of land, unless the development is consistent with all objective subdivision standards in the local subdivision ordinance, and either of the following apply:
- (A) The development has received or will receive financing or funding by means of a low-income housing tax credit and is subject to the requirement that prevailing wages be paid pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (9).
- (B) The development is subject to the requirement that prevailing wages be paid, and a skilled and trained workforce used, pursuant to subparagraph (A) of paragraph (9).
- (11) The development shall not be upon an existing parcel of land or site that is governed under any of the following:
- (A) The Mobilehome Residency Law (Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 798) of Title 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code).
- (B) The Recreational Vehicle Park Occupancy Law (Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 799.20) of Title 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Civil Code).
- (C) The Mobilehome Parks Act (Part 2.1 (commencing with Section 18200) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code).
- (D) The Special Occupancy Parks Act (Part 2.3 (commencing with Section 18860) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code).
- (b) (1) A development proponent that meets the requirements of subdivision (a) may submit a request with the local agency for any of the financial incentives listed in subdivision (d) to offset

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the costs associated with providing deed-restricted affordable housing units and ensure the development is financial feasible. The local agency shall review the request for incentives pursuant to the procedure provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (c).

- (2) The development proponent shall document the need for each financial incentive requested on a standard project proforma that accounts for local market conditions that affect the financial feasability of the development, as provided in subdivision (c).
- (e) (1) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall develop a list of market conditions to be included in the standard project proforma required in subdivision (b). That list shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (A) Market rental rates.

- (B) Standard capital returns.
- (C) Costs for different types of housing that accounts for the prevailing wage and skilled and trained workforce requirements required by this section.
- (2) The department shall develop a methodology for a local agency to evaluate a project proforma submitted by a development proponent to determine whether the requested financial incentives are necessary to ensure the development is financially feasible.
- (3) The department shall develop a process for a local agency to contract with a qualified development expert to review an application submitted pursuant to this paragraph. The development proponent shall pay for costs associated with the review of an application reviewed pursuant to this subparagraph. The department shall determine the standards on whether a development expert is qualified pursuant to this paragraph.
- (4) A local agency shall report all housing units produced pursuant to this section to the department by December 31 of each year.
- (5) The department shall, by December 31, 2020, adopt guidelines and a standardized process for local agencies to increase the concessions, incentives, and combinations thereof, as needed to assure the financial feasibility and accelerated production of housing units produced under this section to produce middle-income ownership and rental housing without financial subsidy.

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(d) A development proponent may request any of the following financial incentives from the local agency pursuant to the procedure described in subdivisions (b) and (c):

- (1) The development, including all activities associated with the project, as defined in Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code, shall be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code).
- (2) A cap on fees imposed by the local agency under the Mitigation Fee Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66000), Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 66010), Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 66012), Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 66016), and Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 66020) of Division 1 of Title 7). A local agency may cap fees at a reasonable level to ensure the financial feasability of the development, which may include a complete waiver of fees on deed-restricted affordable units.
- (3) A density bonus of 35 percent. The bonus shall be in addition to any density bonus received under the Density Bonus Law in Section 65915. The development shall not be required to provide any additional affordable housing units beyond those required in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) as a result of the density bonus provided in this paragraph.
  - (4) A reduction of local parking requirements up to 50 percent.
- (5) A waiver of requirements imposed on development by the local agency, including a waiver of green building standards.
- (6) A waiver of deed-restricted affordability requirements with the payment of an in-lieu fee.
- (e) A local agency in reviewing a development under this section shall be subject to a 12-month discretionary review and approval process, which may include up to two public hearings with an appointed or elected board, commission, or council, and shall include the resolution of any administrative appeals challenging a development approval. The local agency may require the development proponent to comply with conditions of approval, provided that:
- (1) The required project application documentation shall be limited to confirmation of the development's eligibility under this section.

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(2) Fees imposed by all public agencies under the Mitigation Fee Act on the development do not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per unit, in the aggregate, except as provided in paragraph (3). If applicable fees exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per unit at the time the initial project application is filed, all fees shall be decreased pro rata by the amount required to limit per unit fees to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

- (3) Other costs imposed by any discretionary condition of approval do not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per unit in aggregate. The local agency shall bear the burden of proof in demonstrating, in its discretionary approval decision, that discretionary condition of approval costs do not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per unit in aggregate. This cost constraint does not apply to development costs required to physically connect to existing infrastructure or development costs required to protect public safety from significant adverse public safety impacts that are specific to the development costs.
- (4) If the local agency determines that a development submitted pursuant to this section is in conflict with any of the objective zoning, subdivision, and design review standards specified in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a), it shall provide the development proponent written documentation of which standard or standards the development conflicts with, and an explanation for the reason or reasons the development conflicts with that standard or standards, as follows:
- (A) Within 60 days of submittal of the development to the local agency pursuant to this section if the development contains 150 or fewer housing units.
- (B) Within 90 days of submittal of the development to the local agency pursuant to this section if the development contains more than 150 housing units.
- (5) The 12-month period for the city or county to exercise its discretion under this subdivision shall commence upon the application being deemed complete by the local agency pursuant to Section 65943. If a local agency does not complete its review and discretionary approval within the 12-month period, the development shall be deemed approved without discretionary conditions of approval provided that it meets the requirements provided in subdivision (a).

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(f) (1) Any action brought to enforce the provisions of this section shall be brought pursuant to Section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and the local agency shall prepare and certify the record of proceedings in accordance with subdivision (c) of Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure no later than 30 days after the petition is served. The local agency shall bear the cost of preparation of the record, unless the petitioner elects to prepare the record.

- (2) A petition to enforce the provisions of this section shall be filed and served no later than 90 days from the effective date of a decision of the local agency imposing conditions on, disapproving, or making any other final action on a housing development project.
- (3) Upon entry of the trial court's order, a party may, in order to obtain appellate review of the order, do either of the following:
- (A) File a petition within 20 days after service upon it of a written notice of the entry of the order, or within such further time not exceeding an additional 20 days as the trial court may for good eause allow.
- (B) Appeal the judgment or order of the trial court under Section 904.1 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (4) If the local agency appeals the judgment of the trial court, the local agency shall post a bond, in an amount to be determined by the court, to the benefit of the plaintiff if the plaintiff is the development proponent.
- (g) (1) In any action, the record of the proceedings before the local agency shall be filed as expeditiously as possible and, notwithstanding Section 1094.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure or subdivision (f) of this section, all or part of the record may be prepared under one of the following:
- (A) The petitioner with the petition or petitioner's points and authorities.
- (B) The respondent with respondent's points and authorities.
  - (C) After payment of costs by the petitioner.
  - (D) As otherwise directed by the court.
- (2) If the expense of preparing the record has been borne by the petitioner and the petitioner is the prevailing party, the expense shall be taxable as costs.
- (h) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Consistent with" means there is substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the development

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is consistent, based solely on the objective standards set forth in the objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, or objective design review standards.

- (2) "Development proponent" means the developer who submits an application for streamlined approval pursuant to this section.
- (3) "Local agency" means a city, including a charter city, a county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.
- (4) "Objective zoning standards," "objective subdivision standards," and "objective design review standards" mean standards that involve no personal or subjective judgment by a public official and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion available and knowable by both the development proponent and the public official before submittal. These standards may be embodied in alternative objective land use specifications adopted by a city or county, and may include, but are not limited to, housing overlay zones, specific plans, inclusionary zoning ordinances, and density bonus ordinances, subject to the following:
- (A) A development shall be deemed consistent with the objective zoning standards related to housing density, as applicable, if the density proposed is compliant with the maximum allowable residential density within that land use designation, notwithstanding any specified maximum unit allocation that may result in fewer units of housing being permitted.
- (B) In the event that objective zoning, general plan, subdivision, or design review standards are mutually inconsistent, a development shall be deemed consistent with the objective zoning and subdivision standards pursuant to this subdivision if the development is consistent with the standards set forth in the general plan.
- (5) "Project labor agreement" has the same meaning as set forth in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2500 of the Public Contract Code.
- (6) "Residential development project" means a use consisting of either of the following:
- (A) Residential units for rent or for-sale units only.
- (B) Mixed-use developments consisting of for-rent or for-sale residential and nonresidential units with at least two-thirds of the square footage designated for residential use.

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 (7) "Skilled and trained workforce" has the same meaning as provided in Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.

- (i) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2035, and as of that date is repealed.
- SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that providing an additional process for affordable housing development in the San Francisco Bay area is a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair as that term is used in Section 5 of Article XI of the California Constitution. Therefore, this act applies to all cities within the San Francisco Bay area, including charter cities.
- SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the uniquely severe shortage of available affordable housing and the particularly acute nature of the housing crisis within the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay area region.
- SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
  Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution because
  a local agency or school district has the authority to levy service
  charges, fees, or assessments sufficient to pay for the program or
- 22 level of service mandated by this act, within the meaning of Section
- 23 17556 of the Government Code.