

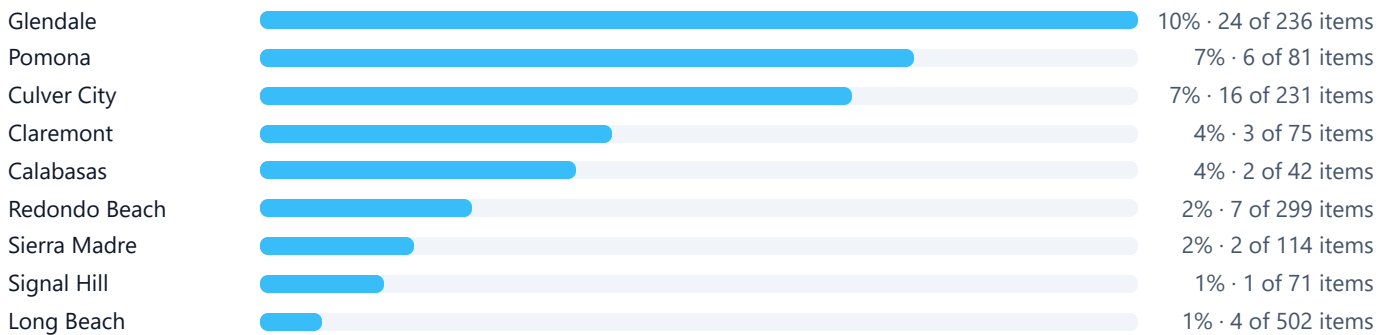
The Housing Question, Nine Ways

How nine LA County councils split their attention on housing — and the biggest housing decision each city made this period.

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Of the nine councils tracked, Glendale put housing on its agenda most often, with 24 of its 236 substantive items — roughly one slot in ten — touching housing. Long Beach, which had the heaviest agenda of all at 502 items, gave housing just 4 of them, about one in a hundred. Across every city the work leaned less toward building than toward rewriting the rulebook: zoning amendments and resolutions implementing state housing law made up most of what councils took up.

SHARE OF COUNCIL ATTENTION GOING TO HOUSING, BY CITY



How to read this: share = housing items ÷ all substantive items that city ran in the window (procedural filler excluded). Raw counts are shown alongside because agenda volumes differ widely — a busy council can have a low share and still more housing items than a small one. Of the 84 housing items: 20 resolution, 17 ordinance, 15 other, 13 public hearing, 7 report, 6 budget.

EACH CITY'S BIGGEST HOUSING DECISION THIS PERIOD

CITY	DECISION	ACTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Pomona	Awarded a contract to install modular housing units, with a budget amendment to fund it. ↗	contract	\$4.4M	2026-04-06
Glendale	Will consider approving the FY 2026-27 federal housing grant plan for submission to HUD. ↗	budget item	\$3.2M	2026-06-02
Long Beach	Adopted a resolution to apply for state Prohousing Incentive Program funds. ↗	resolution	\$1.4M	2026-03-03
Redondo Beach	Appropriated CDBG funds for a housing navigator and shelter operations. ↗	resolution	\$151K	2026-06-02
Culver City	Adopted zoning to carry out state SB 79, easing housing near transit. ↗	ordinance adopted		2026-05-26
Sierra Madre	Adopted a second-reading ordinance rewriting ADU definitions and zoning rules. ↗	ordinance adopted		2026-05-26
Calabasas	Received the 2025 Housing Element annual progress report; no action taken. ↗	staff report		2026-03-25
Claremont	Received its 2025 Housing Element annual progress report; took no action. ↗	staff report		2026-03-24

Amounts are the dollar figure carried on that agenda item; blank = the decision carried no extracted amount (a zoning rule has no price tag). Citywide omnibus items spanning many topics are excluded.

Culver City moved furthest on the rules, adopting a zoning amendment to carry out California's Senate Bill 79, which eases housing near transit, and a second ordinance letting accessory dwelling units be split onto subdivided lots and sold as condominiums. Pomona was the rare city spending on construction rather than code, awarding a \$4.4M contract to install modular housing units while also adjusting its mobile-home rent petition fees. Redondo Beach adopted high-density and mixed-use zoning to satisfy its state-certified Housing Element, with the council saying it was creating the conditions for housing rather than approving any specific project. In Claremont and Calabasas, the biggest housing item was only a 2025 Housing Element progress report — a status update rather than a vote. Several larger commitments remain unsettled: Glendale's \$3.2M federal grant plan still needs council approval and submission to HUD, and Long Beach's \$1.4M Prohousing bid only applies for the money, so the pipeline suggests more zoning adoptions and funding votes are likely next.

FROM THE DAIS AND THE PODIUM

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND ADD OBJECTIVE DESIGN...

"We have to get this and we can't allow perfect to be the enemy of good at this point..."

— Glendale council meeting, 2026-05-12 · [watch](#) ▶

HOUSING ORDINANCES ADOPTED IN THE WINDOW

CITY	ORDINANCE	ADOPTED
Culver City	Adopted zoning to implement state SB 79, the transit-housing law. ↗	2026-05-26
Sierra Madre	Amended ADU definitions and zoning on second reading of Ordinance 1494. ↗	2026-05-26
Pomona	Amended mobile-home rent adjustment petition fees under Ordinance 4368. ↗	2026-05-18
Redondo Beach	Adopted high-density and mixed-use zoning to implement its 6th-cycle Housing Element. ↗	2026-05-12
Culver City	Eased ADU rules to allow lot subdivisions and sale of ADUs as separate condominiums. ↗	2026-02-23

Bottom line. Housing action across these LA County councils has meant rewriting zoning to meet state mandates — SB 79, ADU rules, and 6th-cycle Housing Element compliance — far more than paying to build, with Pomona's \$4.4M modular project standing out as the exception. With several of those ordinances already adopted and more design standards still working through committee, the pipeline suggests the next decisions are likely to keep reshaping local codes to fit state housing law.

Sources & method. 84 housing-tagged substantive agenda items across 9 cities; each table row links to its primary agenda record. Topic tags are model-assigned over grounded agenda text; stages (adopted / first reading) are grounded in item titles. Amounts are the largest dollar figure on the item. Dais quotes come from meeting-video caption transcripts (meetings analyzed per city: Calabasas 3, Culver City 11, Glendale 35, Long Beach 1, Redondo Beach 6, Sierra Madre 12). Every figure traces to a primary council record (agenda, minutes, caption transcript, code publisher, or bid portal) and can be re-checked against the original source. Quotes are drawn verbatim from auto-generated meeting captions, lightly edited for clarity (caption filler and stutters removed; wording unchanged) — each links to its video timestamp. Data window Dec 2, 2025 – Jun 2, 2026. Generated Jun 7, 2026 from MetroScope's database — regenerable on request with current data, or for a different city, issue, or question.