

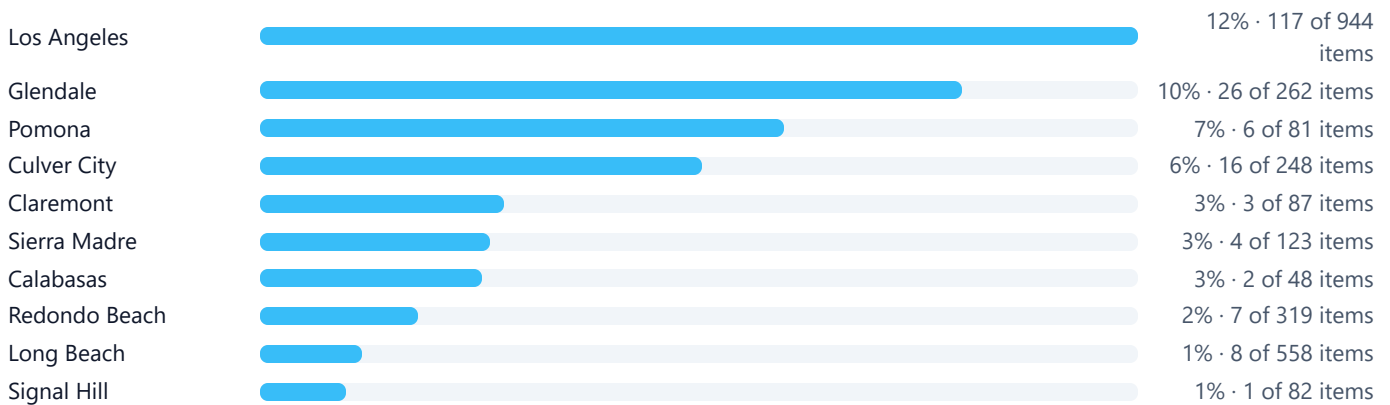
The Housing Question, Ten Ways

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

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Los Angeles put housing on roughly one agenda item in eight — 117 of its 944 items, or 12% — and Glendale on one in ten, the two clear leaders; Long Beach, the busiest council in the set at 558 items, gave housing just 1%. Across all ten cities the dominant decision was not building homes but rewriting the rules for them: zoning-code and housing-element changes made to comply with state law, with 121 resolutions and 28 ordinances far outnumbering budget items.

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 232 housing items: 121 resolution, 28 ordinance, 26 report, 21 other, 13 public hearing, 9 budget.

EACH CITY'S BIGGEST HOUSING DECISION THIS PERIOD

CITY	DECISION	ACTION	AMOUNT	DATE
Los Angeles	Authorized bonds to finance a 78-unit affordable rental housing project on Hoffman Street ↗	resolution	\$35M	2026-05-19
Long Beach	Mid-year FY2026 budget appropriation adjustments across departments and funds ↗	budget item	\$10.7M	2026-05-19
Pomona	Contract to Angeles Contractor to install modular housing units, with budget amendment ↗	contract	\$4.4M	2026-04-06
Glendale	Approved the FY2026-27 CDBG, ESG and HOME action plan for HUD submission ↗	budget item	\$3.2M	2026-06-09
Redondo Beach	Appropriated CDBG-CV funds to reimburse a housing navigator supervisor's salary ↗	resolution	\$151K	2026-06-02
Culver City	Adopted a zoning-code amendment implementing state Senate Bill 79 (transit housing) ↗	ordinance adopted		2026-05-26
Sierra Madre	Adopted Ordinance 1494 rewriting accessory dwelling unit definitions and zoning rules ↗	ordinance adopted		2026-05-26
Calabasas	Received the 2025 Housing Element annual progress report ↗	staff report		2026-03-25
Claremont	Received and filed the 2025 Housing Element annual progress report ↗	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 adopted, on consent, a zoning-code amendment implementing California's Senate Bill 79, the state law that eases apartment construction near transit. Pomona was the rare city to spend rather than only legislate, amending its budget to award a \$4.4M contract to install modular housing units; Glendale approved a \$3.2M federal action plan routing CDBG, ESG and HOME money to housing and homelessness. Calabasas and Claremont did neither — each only received its 2025 Housing Element annual progress report and took no action. Low agenda share does not mean inaction: Long Beach, where housing was just 1% of items, still adopted an amended inclusionary housing ordinance to satisfy the Coastal Commission. Glendale is still weighing an ordinance to add objective design standards for multi-family projects, and the pipeline suggests more such zoning rewrites are the likely next step.

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AMENDING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS; ESTABLISHING PUBLIC FACILITIES FEES FRAMEWORK.

"I think it's not equitable because if you look at the last example where we have an 800 foot ADU on a property with the existing 700 square foot family home, they have to pay it's over 100% so they have to pay the full 75,000."

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

HOUSING ORDINANCES ADOPTED IN THE WINDOW

CITY	ORDINANCE	ADOPTED
Long Beach	Amended the inclusionary housing ordinance per Coastal Commission modifications ↗	2026-06-09
Culver City	Adopted a zoning-code amendment implementing state Senate Bill 79 (transit housing) ↗	2026-05-26
Sierra Madre	Adopted Ordinance 1494 amending accessory dwelling unit definitions and zoning ↗	2026-05-26
Pomona	Adopted Ordinance 4368 changing fees for mobile home rent adjustment petitions ↗	2026-05-18
Redondo Beach	Adopted Ordinance 3311-26 replacing the affordable housing overlay districts in zoning ↗	2026-05-12

Bottom line. The defining pattern this window was compliance, not construction — cities rewriting zoning codes and housing elements to meet state mandates like SB 79, with resolutions and ordinances far outnumbering money decisions. With several of those ordinances now adopted and others still pending, the region's housing debate appears headed further into how local codes absorb state law rather than how many units cities fund directly.

Sources & method. 232 housing-tagged substantive agenda items across 10 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 10, 2026. Generated Jun 11, 2026 from MetroScope's database — regenerable on request with current data, or for a different city, issue, or question.