

TO: Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions  
FROM: Legislative Staff  
DATE: September 17, 2021  
SUBJECT: Updated resources and links provided by Commission members

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Over the past few weeks we have received many suggested articles and resources from members of the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions. In an effort to make these resources available to everyone, we have compiled the below list for your reference.

News Articles/Opinion Pieces:

- “California advances 2 zoning bills to promote scarce housing.” AP, August 26, 2021 [https://apnews.com/article/business-california-9e606c2ee595b658bffa57b2c69eae24?utm\\_source=National+Conference+of+State+Legislatures&utm\\_campaign=3e5c9a2be0-NCSL\\_TODAY\\_AUG\\_27&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1716623089-3e5c9a2be0-377862012](https://apnews.com/article/business-california-9e606c2ee595b658bffa57b2c69eae24?utm_source=National+Conference+of+State+Legislatures&utm_campaign=3e5c9a2be0-NCSL_TODAY_AUG_27&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1716623089-3e5c9a2be0-377862012)
- “Deregulation can do more for renters than eviction moratoriums.” The Hill, August 25, 2021, <https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/569358-deregulation-can-do-more-for-renters-than-eviction-moratoriums>
- “How the US made affordable homes illegal.” Vox, August 16, 2021, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Flsg\\_mzG-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Flsg_mzG-M)
- “Minnesota lawmakers look to create more affordable housing.” The Center Square, August 10, 2021, [https://www.thecentersquare.com/minnesota/minnesota-lawmakers-look-to-create-more-affordable-housing/article\\_44005512-f9f4-11eb-8b1f-9bb5be9f98e0.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/minnesota/minnesota-lawmakers-look-to-create-more-affordable-housing/article_44005512-f9f4-11eb-8b1f-9bb5be9f98e0.html)
- “Denser cities could be a climate boon – but nimbyism stands in the way.” The Guardian, August 22, 2021, <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/aug/22/cities-climate-change-dense-sprawl-yimby-nimby>
- “Five Lessons from California’s Big Zoning Reform.” Sightline Institute, August 26, 2021, <https://www.sightline.org/2021/08/26/four-lessons-from-californias-big-zoning-reform/>
- “Address and Prevent Homelessness: A panel discussion recognizing and empathetically addressing the housing crisis within our Central Maine Community.” Cynergy & ELS Housing Panel, August 18, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tkjbMXC9wg>

- “How we rise: Build race equity into rezoning decisions.” Brookings, July 13, 2021 <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/how-we-rise/2021/07/13/build-race-equity-into-rezoning-decisions/>
- “Housing Discrimination and Local Control.” NYU Furman Center, March 2019 <https://furmancenter.org/research/iri/essay/housing-discrimination-and-local-control>
- “Justice Zoning: Without it, We Invite History to Repeat Itself” NYU Furman Center, March 2019 <https://furmancenter.org/research/iri/essay/justice-zoning-without-it-we-invite-history-to-repeat-itself>
- “Closing the Divide: Creating Equitable, Inclusive, and Affordable Communities.” Prepared by the Regional Affordable and Fair Housing Roundtable co-convened by Enterprise Community Partners and the Fair Housing Justice Center, January 2019 <https://wroinc.org/closing-the-divide-creating-equitable-inclusive-and-affordable-communities/>

Book recommendations:

- Rothstein, Richard. *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. New York; London: Liveright Publishing Corporation, 2017.
- Prevost, Lisa. *Snob Zones: Fear, Prejudice, and Real Estate*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2013.