

**Corrupt California's failure to build enough homes is exploding cost of living & shifting political power to red states.**

Building many more homes is critical to reduce the cost of living in California & other blue states.

It's also a political imperative for avoiding right-wing extremist government: Our failure to build homes is a key driver of the demographic shift from blue states to red states — a shift that's going to cost us dearly in the next census & reapportionment, with a big loss of House seats & electoral college votes. With current trends, the Blue Wall states won't be enough to elect a Democrat as President.

This destructive demographic shift — which is sabotaging California's long time status as a beacon of innovation, dynamism & economic strength — isn't about taxes or business regulation. It's about the cost of housing.

We must end the housing obstruction — which has led to a profound housing shortage, explosive housing costs & a demographic shift away from California & other blue states. We need to focus intensively on making it much, much easier to build new homes. For years, I've worked in coalition with other legislators & advocates to pass a series of impactful laws to accelerate permitting, force cities to zone for more homes & reduce housing construction costs. We're making progress, but that work needs to accelerate & receive profoundly more focus from a broad spectrum of leadership in our state.

This is an all hands on deck moment for our state & for our future.

Powerful article by Jerusalem Demsas in the

Atlantic: [https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2024/11/democrat-states-population-stagnation/680641/?gift=mRAZp9i2kzMFnMrqWHt67adRUoqKo1ZNXIHwpBPTpcs&utm\\_source=copy-link&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=share](https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2024/11/democrat-states-population-stagnation/680641/?gift=mRAZp9i2kzMFnMrqWHt67adRUoqKo1ZNXIHwpBPTpcs&utm_source=copy-link&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=share)

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