LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code— Demolition and Replacement of Sound Housing.]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code by amending Section 317 to require the Planning Commission make certain findings when approving demolition of Residential Buildings that require Mandatory Discretionary Review and to require replacement of sound housing with units of like affordability; and making findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 and the General Plan.

Existing Law

Planning Code Section 317 sets forth certain approval requirements for projects proposing to demolish residential buildings, including that the Planning Commission consider certain criteria in reviewing any applications to demolish residential buildings that are subject to Mandatory Discretionary Review.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would amend Planning Code Section 317 such that the Planning Commission could not approve a residential demolition subject to Mandatory Discretionary Review unless such approval is consistent with applicable Planning Code and General Plan policies and public policy goals for at least a majority of the criteria set forth in Section 317. Additionally, the proposed legislation would require replacement of any demolished sound housing on a one-to-one basis with units of like affordability. Such replacement housing could be built as either part of the proposed project or on a separate site.