

YES IN MY BACKYARD: Evaluating the local drivers of ADU interest in the City of San Diego

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research project is to evaluate *what factors drive ADU interest at the local level*. Accessory dwelling units offer an incremental and scaled solution for increasing density in existing single family neighborhoods that are in need of increased housing opportunities. To understand what San Diego ADU development looks like, three objects of data were studied. First, 2017-2019 ADU permit application data showing where people want to build an ADU and trends that have occurred in development over the last 3 years. Then, comparing ADU permit application data with 1) socio-demographic, 2) socio-economic, and 3) physical neighborhood characteristics provided an understanding of which neighborhoods could best support future ADU development, as well as the factors that are driving neighborhood ADU interest. The outcome of this research is a detailed spatial analysis of accessory dwelling unit permits within the City of San Diego's neighborhoods, compared with demographic and economic census information, to conclude whether the City of San Diego's neighborhoods are experiencing a similar level of interest in building accessory dwelling units.

3 YEAR FINDINGS

