

Abstract

This paper seeks to analyze the effects of recent state housing laws in California on the incentives of local governments, the economic welfare of individuals based on their tenure (tenant vs. owner-occupier), and the effects on migration between localities and states. I will start by introducing the archetypical state laws that limit the authority of local governments in the realm of housing approvals, then I will analyze the effects of these laws on localities' incentives to increase housing supply, and the effects of these measures on different types of individuals (domestic renters, domestic homeowners, and out-of-state individuals), including effects on income, consumption, and migration.