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2025 IMPACT REPORT

LA YIMBY Leaders Zachary Pitts, Kevin Wu, Charles Downs, Christopher Russel, Charlie Lanterno, and their families.



YIMBY Denver and partners gather after the Denver City Council voted 9-3 to remove minimum parking requirements from the Denver zoning code.

2025

The YIMBY movement pushes a bold vision for transformative change in American communities. But beyond the headlines, and after the warm glow of legislative victories fade, achieving that change requires the grunt-work of implementation. As the pro-housing policies that we fought so hard for in states and cities around the country hit the reality of implementation, YIMBY Action and YIMBY Law are there to ensure those laws actually result in new homes.

We can't do this alone. It takes a movement of passionate activists, committed elected leaders, and dedicated supporters to turn big ideas into new homes. Your support has enabled us to scale grassroots advocacy, deploy legal expertise, and intervene at the right moments, resulting in sticky reforms that unlock abundant housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods.

This report highlights what you helped achieve and where this work goes next. Thank you for fighting alongside us!

Laura Foote and Sonja Trauss
Founders and Executive Directors



People Power



84 Chapters in **32** States



64,596 Activists



4,511 Donors



93 State Policy Wins



Abundant Housing Illinois Volunteer Leads meet Illinois Governor JB Pritzker at a Lobby Day in Springfield

Where Housing is Winning

In 2025, YIMBY Action chapters won 196 state and local policy victories.

Seattle: A Clean Sweep

Chapter: Seattle YIMBY

Winning elections is extremely fun – especially when all of Seattle YIMBY’s endorsed candidates won in the November election. Katie Wilson won the Seattle mayoral election; Eddie Lin in City Council District 2; and Alexis Mercedes Rinck in District 8 (at-large). Seattle also passed Proposition 1A which raises money for social housing through a local tax on payrolls of over \$1 million.

Hawai’i: Saying ‘Ae to Transit-Oriented Development

Chapter: Hawai’i YIMBY

The YIMBY movement in Hawai’i continues to make steady progress, celebrating bills like H.B. 1409, which provides generous incentives to cities to allow apartments near transit stops and prioritizes affordable housing funding in transit-connected areas.



Bend: Bringing Back Row Houses

Chapter: Central Oregon YIMBY

Bend, Oregon updated its development code to allow detached townhomes, or row houses. This classic housing type creates smaller, more attainable homes that can serve as starter homes or aging-in-place options—expanding the range of housing choices in Bend’s growing market.

Tucson: Chapter Founder Elected to City Council

Chapter: Tucson for Everyone

Our local chapter founder, Miranda Schubert, was elected to city council in a big win. Tucson also achieved two citywide rezonings, one which allows for denser transit-oriented development on lots near major transportation routes and a missing middle reform that will allow up to four units on ALL residential lots in the city (minus a few horse ranches).



Denver: Opening the Door to Single-Stair Apartments

Chapter: YIMBY Denver

Denver took a step toward modernizing its building code by advancing legislation to allow single-stair apartment buildings—a design common internationally but long restricted in many U.S. cities. The change makes it easier to build small and mid-sized apartments that fit into existing neighborhoods while lowering construction costs, helping expand attainable housing options across the city.

Asheville for All: Big Wins at the City Council

Chapter: Asheville for All

YIMBYs lobbied the city council to make it easier for developers to build more multifamily housing, promote more walkable environments, encourage more bicycle parking, and reduce car parking. And in March the council voted yes!

Orlando: Planning for Homes in Vision 2050

Chapter: Orlando YIMBY

YIMBY leaders helped shape Orange County’s Vision 2050 comprehensive plan, ensuring the region’s long-term growth strategy includes room for more homes near jobs, transit, and community services. Embedding pro-housing principles in the county’s guiding plan lays the foundation for a more affordable housing future.

Alexandria: Moving Affordable Homes Forward

Chapter: YIMBYs of NOVA

Alexandria’s 2025 city budget included \$3 million in new funding to move previously approved affordable housing developments closer to construction. The city also funded a study for a potential local housing voucher program, while advocates continue pushing cost-free reforms like removing parking mandates to make it easier to build more homes.



Less Parking, More Homes



Abundant Housing Illinois Volunteer Leads with State Senator Michael Simmons, chief sponsor of the People Over Parking Act.

Outdated parking policies inflate construction costs and suppress housing supply. In 2025, YIMBY Action chapters supported reforms that reduce or eliminate parking requirements near transit. Volunteers helped shift support from cars to homes resulting in zoning changes that will make homes more affordable and smaller infill projects more attainable.

Parking Reform Wins

Abundant Housing Illinois

Chicago eliminated minimum off-street parking requirements for most new development near transit, letting builders provide no required parking by right.

The Illinois General Assembly adopted the People Over Parking Act, banning local parking minimums for projects near transit statewide.

Asheville for All

Asheville amended its Unified Development Ordinance to remove minimum off-street parking requirements in many areas, encouraging more walkable and transit-oriented development.

Dallas Neighbors for Housing

Dallas City Council overhauled the decades-old parking code, cutting or eliminating minimum parking requirements downtown, near transit, and for many commercial and residential uses.

Seattle YIMBY

SB 5184 was passed which limits, and in some cases eliminates, the number of parking spaces cities can require for new developments.

YIMBY Denver

Denver eliminated citywide parking minimums under Colorado House Bill 24-1304, cutting housing costs and unlocking more homes, especially near transit.



YIMBY Action hosted Life After Cars book talks in San Francisco and Denver. Pictured: Laura Foote, YIMBY Action, CO Representative Andy Boesenecker, Rayna Kingston - Activist, Wes Marshall - Author, Kyle Clark - Host of Next, Sarah Goodyear & Doug Gordon - Authors, Life After Cars

“We’ve had the pleasure of working with YIMBY Action on two live events and can safely say that the leadership and members are among the hardest working and most enthusiastic advocates out there. Meeting people who understand the many ways in which parking policy and housing policy overlap has been so encouraging, especially as we work to make cities more affordable and accessible for everyone.”

Doug Gordon, Author, Life After Cars

“Passing transformative change like SB 5184, one of the strongest parking reform laws in the nation, isn’t easy, but we got it done. We built a broad coalition of advocates that prioritized people over cars and told the story about how nonsensical parking mandates blocked progress on issues like access to childcare, housing affordability, and more. With the stories of how forward-thinking local governments effectively implemented parking reform and all the benefits they saw from it, we won in Washington – and we can win across the country, too.”

Washington State Senator Jessica Bateman



“In one of the most car-dependent cities in the U.S., Dallas passed game-changing parking reform after years of advocacy. The reforms remove parking minimums near transit, for small multi-family buildings, and for developments using the Mixed-Income Housing Bonus, while cutting parking requirements for many buildings and businesses by more than half. The reforms will lead to more affordable housing, more livable neighborhoods, and a better Dallas for generations to come.”

Dallas Neighbors for Housing Volunteer Lead Adam Lamont



How Grassroots Advocacy Propelled SB 79 in California



California Senator Scott Wiener with YIMBY volunteers from throughout the state.

“SB 79 required all hands on deck to get it across the finish line.”

Had it lost a single vote during any step, it wouldn't have passed. While the bill is now state law, the work's not done. We need to counter attempts to spread misinformation about the bill's impacts, and get ahead of attempts to water it down via legislative poison pills. I helped host educational events this year talking through what the bill does and why it's so necessary to build more homes in the Peninsula, to help ensure support on the ground for the bill, and that further reforms to housing policy remain strong.”

Michael Arruza, Redwood City Lead



“We are not building nearly enough housing in Los Angeles. The passage of SB 79 has pushed us to truly engage with a goal we claim to have as a city—transit lines with lots of housing around them—through our local implementation plan.”

Nithya Raman, Los Angeles City Council Member

SB 79 was the third iteration of a bill that upzones parcels near transit, and it had razor-thin margins on every vote. One of the reasons it ultimately passed was because YIMBY Action built and deployed real political power.

Throughout the legislative session, YIMBY Action chapters activated a disciplined statewide base to generate constituent pressure in key districts, deliver coordinated testimony, and shore up pro-housing champions at pivotal moments.

Behind the scenes, YIMBY Action staff and volunteer leaders aligned messaging across our coalition and translated complex land use concepts into clear calls to action. The result was a visible pro-housing constituency that gave legislators the cover to advance a bill that will unlock more homes in high-opportunity communities.

YIMBY Law



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LAWSUITS FILED



88

LETTERS SUPPORTING HOUSING PROPOSALS



27

REPORTS



194

ENFORCEMENT LETTERS

Volunteers from Hawai'i YIMBY attend a bill signing.

Enforcing the Laws that Make Housing Possible

Passing pro-housing laws is only the first part of the battle. That's why YIMBY Law fights to ensure cities across the country fairly and legally implement new and existing housing supply laws. In 2025, YIMBY Law led numerous legal battles to take down antiquated housing policies, enforce housing supply opportunities, and ensure new homes are going up in high-opportunity areas.

Last year, YIMBY Law:

Sued to defend SB 9 after executive actions threatened to block duplexes and lot splits in LA wildfire rebuilding areas to protect equitable recovery and prevent wealthy enclaves from opting out of housing.

Challenged emergency powers abuse that would have let local governments sidestep state housing law under the guise of safety, reinforcing legislative authority and statewide consistency.

Expanded implementation and enforcement nationally with the support of a new Robert Wood Johnson Foundation health-equity partnership to target exclusionary, high-opportunity communities still resisting new homes.

Read our National Implementation Guide to learn how YIMBY ensures that new housing laws are enforced.



Advocating for New Homes

PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2025



149

PROJECTS

35,381

UNITS

IN 15 STATES AND 108 CITIES

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY YIMBYS IN 2025



288

PROJECTS

66,539

UNITS

IN 17 STATES AND 167 CITIES

Each year YIMBY Action activists speak in support of thousands of new homes nationwide. They help tip the balance to show the need for new homes and their desire to welcome new neighbors into their communities.

From Advocacy to Breaking Ground



The Eleven Eleven project at 1101-1123 Sutter Street in San Francisco, developed by Martin Building Company, is just one example of a housing win that YIMBY advocated for!

The 22-story mixed-use tower features 303 rental units. Its innovative use of state density bonus laws and commitment to workforce housing have earned it recognition for advancing inclusive and sustainable urban development. The project broke ground in November 2025.

Pictured: YIMBY Fort Collins volunteers at their Habitat for Humanity Build Day.

2025 Financials

Grassroots activists fuel our movement

	YIMBY	YIMBY ACTION
Number of Donations by Amount		
● \$250 and below	142	4,307
● \$250-\$999	66	66
● \$1,000-\$4,999	35	81
● \$5,000-\$24,999	25	18
● \$25,000 and above	12	2
Revenue by Source		
● Individual Contributions	\$1,369,525	\$736,446
● Corporate Donations	\$81,058	\$433,225
● Foundations	\$922,384	\$0
Total Revenue	\$2,372,966	\$1,169,671

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YIMBY in the Press



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OPINION ARTICLES AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



2,799

TOTAL NUMBER OF MENTIONS IN NEWS STORIES



84 Chapters in 32 States

POLITICO

YIMBY Group Sues California Gov. Gavin Newsom Over Duplex Ban in Neighborhoods Destroyed by Wildfires

Los Angeles Times

A historic housing bill is on Newsom's desk. Cities are scrambling to figure out how it works

CBS NEWS

San Francisco's Marina District Safeway housing proposal sparks controversy among neighbors

"SB 79 passed by the skin of its teeth," said Leora Tanjuatco Ross, California director for YIMBY Action, which helped push the bill through the Legislature. "This is the most aggressive bill we could've passed." - Los Angeles Times

SLATE

YIMBY Has Gone Mainstream. Can It Stay That Way?

LAW.COM

How Pennsylvania's Fair Share Deal Can Make Housing Fair for All



What they're saying: Overwhelming support for historic climate and energy affordability legislation

Bloomberg

To Boost Housing, Chicago Kills Parking Minimums

ALASKA
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Huntsville YIMBY

ARIZONA
Tucson for Everyone
YIMBY Maricopa

CALIFORNIA
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Evolve Tri-Valley
Fresno for All
Grow The Richmond
Mountain View YIMBY
Napa-Solano for Everyone
Northern Neighbors
Peninsula for Everyone
Progress Noe Valley
San Benito YIMBY
San Francisco YIMBY
San Jose YIMBY
San Mateo Forward
Santa Cruz YIMBY
Santa Rosa YIMBY
SLOCo YIMBY
South Bay YIMBY
Urban Environmentalists
San Bernardino County
Ventura County YIMBY
Yes In Redwood City
YIMBY Los Angeles
YIMBY Monterey Peninsula
YIMBY Oceanside
Yolo YIMBY

COLORADO
YIMBY Arvada
YIMBY Denver
YIMBY Fort Collins
YIMBY North Metro

CONNECTICUT
YIMBY South Central CT

DELAWARE
YIMBY Delaware

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DC YIMBYs

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More Homes Miami
Orlando YIMBY
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GEORGIA
Abundant Housing Atlanta
Athens Urbanists

HAWAII
Hawai'i YIMBY

ILLINOIS
Abundant Housing Illinois
CUrbanism Club
Rockford Area YIMBY

INDIANA
YIMBYana

KENTUCKY
YIMBY Louisville

MARYLAND
YIMBY Maryland

MICHIGAN
Live TC
YIMBY Oakland County
YIMBY Plymouth

MINNESOTA
North Shore YIMBY
Twin Cities YIMBY

MISSOURI
Kansas City YIMBY
YIMBY Mizzou

NORTH CAROLINA
Asheville for All
Yes! In My Triangle

OHIO
NEUrbanism

OKLAHOMA
YIMBY Oklahoma City

OREGON
Central Oregon YIMBY
Salem YIMBY

PENNSYLVANIA
Pro-Housing Lehigh Valley
Pro-Housing Philly
Pro-Housing Pittsburgh

RHODE ISLAND
Providence Urbanist
Network

SOUTH CAROLINA
Palmetto YIMBY

TENNESSEE
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TEXAS
Dallas Neighbors for Housing
YIMBY Taylor

UTAH
Logan YIMBY

VIRGINIA
15-Minute Fredericksburg
RVA YIMBY
YIMBY Hampton Roads
YIMBYs of NoVA

WASHINGTON
Seattle YIMBY
Spokane Housing for All

WISCONSIN
Madison is for People
Walworth County YIMBY

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Abundant Housing Illinois Volunteer Leads present at the American Planning Association-Illinois Conference.