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The Superior Court of California Invalidates the HOME Act: Seyfarth Shaw

Several cities in California successfully petitioned for a writ of mandate seeking the invalidation of California Senate Bill 9 (the HOME Act).

On April 22, 2024, the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles granted the cities' petition on the basis that SB 9 violates the California Constitution because the act is not "sufficiently narrowly tailored to ... ensure access to affordable housing." [i] *City of Redondo Beach et. al, vs. Rob Bonta, in his capacity as California Attorney General, et. al. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Case No. 22STCP01143)*.

In short, the Court held that even if single family residential lots would presumably be more easily subdivided (by means of regulatory changes brought about by the HOME Act, as we discuss next), affordable housing may not result.

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