

Efforts to control Calif. housing costs go to gov

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A multi-bill package aimed at addressing California's housing affordability crisis headed to Gov. Jerry Brown Friday as lawmakers prepared to draw the curtain on the 2017 legislative year.

Legislative leaders had previously reached agreement with Gov. Jerry Brown over measures to generate money for low-income housing development, fund housing programs and streamline the approval process for new projects, and he is expected to sign them.

"It's a crisis and we want to act like it," Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, said of her measure to impose a real estate transaction fee.

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