

Introduced by Assembly Member Evans

December 6, 2006

An act to add Section 65302.7 to the Government Code, relating to local planning.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 82, as introduced, Evans. Local planning: agricultural land.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the general plan of a city or county include specified elements, including a land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for, among other things, housing, business, industry, and open space, including agriculture, and an open-space element.

The Planning and Zoning Law defines the local open-space plan as the open-space element and that open-space use includes, among other things, open space used for the managed production of resources, including, but not limited to, agricultural lands and areas of economic importance for the production of food and fiber.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would encourage the preservation of agricultural land and would encourage local governments to enhance, through the local planning process, the recognition of the importance of agricultural production to the state and local economy.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65302.7 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 65302.7. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
- 4 that would encourage the preservation of agricultural land and
- 5 would encourage local governments to enhance, through the local
- 6 planning process, the recognition of the importance of agricultural
- 7 production to the state and local economy.