

Brian Hanlon

Brian co-founded and leads California YIMBY, a statewide pro-housing advocacy organization. Pundits hailed California YIMBY's first bill, SB 827, as possibly the “biggest environmental boon, the best job creator, and the greatest strike against inequality that anyone’s proposed in the United States in decades.” In under 3 years, California YIMBY helped pass 5 significant housing bills, grew to 75,000 members, and built 25 local YIMBY teams from San Diego to Humboldt. Prior to California YIMBY, Brian co-founded the California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund (CaRLA), which sues cities that violate state housing law. Brian spent 10 years working for the US EPA and the US Forest Service. When he’s not fighting to expand housing affordability and access, Brian can be found cycling in the East Bay hills.