

Governor signs bill to unlock redevelopment-related projects

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California Gov. [Jerry Brown](#) signed legislation Tuesday that supporters say will allow West Sacramento to move forward with development projects on the riverfront and West Capitol Avenue.

The bill by Assembly Speaker-elect [Toni Atkins](#) allows infrastructure financing districts to be created in some former redevelopment project areas.

“It is a major step forward for West Sacramento,” [city of West Sacramento](#) Mayor [Christopher Cabaldon](#) wrote [in a Facebook post](#) Tuesday night.

After redevelopment agencies were eliminated in 2012, West Sacramento voters passed Measure G to continue the basic function of redevelopment through another funding mechanism, infrastructure financing districts, which uses tax-increment financing to secure bonds for local development.

“There was just one problem,” Cabaldon wrote. “State law didn't allow (infrastructure financing districts) to include any land that had previously been in redevelopment. That made sense when redevelopment existed, but not any more.”

Assembly Bill 471 by Atkins, D-San Diego, removes the prohibition against former redevelopment project areas if the zones have gone through the dissolution process, meaning local governments received a “finding of completion” by the [California Department of Finance](#).

Discussions in the state Capitol continue over how Brown will further [alleviate issues surrounding redevelopment](#).

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