



June 14, 2022

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 6630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill (SB) 1336 - Housing Production on Religious Properties - Support**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of All Home, I am writing in strong support of SB 1336 (Wiener), which would make building affordable housing easier, faster, and cheaper on land owned by faith-based institutions and nonprofit colleges. All Home is a Bay Area organization that advances regional solutions to disrupt the cycles of poverty and homelessness and create more economic mobility for people with extremely low incomes.

Many faith-based organizations and non-profit colleges desire to partner with affordable housing developers to build more critically needed affordable homes — on land they already own, in support of their missions, as well as their members and neighbors. Yet, many of these organizations are currently located in areas that are not zoned to permit housing, requiring a difficult, lengthy, and costly process to rezone the land to build the affordable homes Californians desperately need. SB 1336 offers new tools for our community anchors to build safe, stable, affordable homes for local residents and families.

SB 1336 will streamline the building process so that faith-based institutions that want to build affordable homes will not be unnecessarily delayed and limited from taking this action.

SB 1336 will:

- Allow places of worship to build 100% multifamily affordable housing units (targeted at 80% of Area Median Income and below), regardless of local zoning restrictions;
- Permit these institutions to build new affordable homes without undergoing costly and time-intensive rezoning, depending on the location of the property and proximity to major roads and commercial zones.

Homelessness is primarily a housing problem. California will never be able to end the suffering on our streets if we don't build much more affordable housing so that everyone in

our state can have a safe, reliable place to call home. Religious and educational institutions across the state recognize this moral calling and are eager to be part of the solution. With SB 1336, places of worship and colleges that want to create affordable homes will be able to do so.

For all these reasons, we support SB 1336. Thank you for your leadership on this and other critical housing and homelessness issues.

Sincerely,

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