



May 6, 2022

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
1020 N Street, Room 156
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCA 2 Repeal of California Constitution Article 34 — Support

Dear Chair Wicks,

All Home supports SCA 2, a constitutional amendment to repeal Article 34 of the California Constitution, which requires majority approval from the voters of a city or county for the development, construction, or acquisition of a publicly funded affordable housing project.

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. We work across counties, sectors, and silos to advance coordinated, innovative solutions and build a movement to challenge the status quo that perpetuates homelessness. Article 34 is an example of flawed, legacy housing policy that has prevented affordable housing production at the scale that is needed in our state.

California suffers from a drastic shortage of affordable and available rental units for extremely low-income households, the majority of whom are already rent-burdened. As a result, many Californians are just one unexpected expense away from falling into homelessness. Time and time again, voters have made their priorities clear by supporting ballot measures that dedicate tax dollars to homelessness and housing. In order to meet our goals and the public demand for progress towards reducing homelessness, we must spend those dollars effectively. Article 34 mires local governments in an expensive and time-consuming process, driving up the cost of constructing affordable housing and delaying the urgent actions that must be taken to address this crisis.

Sincerely,

Tomiquia Moss

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