

PLACE ON LETTERHEAD

February 25, 2022

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

RE: Assembly Bill 2094 (R. Rivas) General plan: annual report: extremely low-income housing support

Letter of Support from [insert name of organization]

Dear Chairperson Buffy Wicks:

On behalf of [Organization Name], we write in support of AB 2094 (R. Rivas) which seeks to improve data collection on housing production for homeless and housing-insecure Californians.

[insert paragraph about your organization]

AB 2094 will increase transparency in existing building reporting requirements by requiring local jurisdictions to clarify their progress towards building new units for extremely low-income (ELI) households. Current law states that cities must allocate a certain number of sites for ELI units that are available to households with incomes of 0-30% of the area average median income (AMI). Right now, cities are required to report their progress on building various levels of low income housing but are not required to specifically report the number of ELI units being built.

This legislation does not change the housing element nor the RHNA allocation for any jurisdiction. AB 2094 increases transparency by requiring that the form to report annual progress on housing production to HCD add an additional column to specifically report progress on ELI unit production. Several jurisdictions around the state already track and share data on ELI housing production as part of their efforts to prioritize development of such units to help alleviate the severe shortage of affordable housing that leads to homelessness.

AB 2094 provides additional information to ensure that existing commitments to create housing that is affordable at all income levels are met. This bill will also help the state understand where gaps exist and assist in using and allocating resources effectively for those who are most vulnerable to homelessness.

For all these reasons, we support AB 2094.

Sincerely,

[signature and title]

cc: your Senator and Assemblymember
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