

Resolution in Support of the California HOME Act (Housing Opportunity & More Efficiency Act), S.B. 9

WHEREAS the County of Santa Clara, with one of the highest costs of living in the US and in the State of California, is in a severe and prolonged housing and affordability crisis, driven by years inadequate housing production; and

WHEREAS the housing and affordability crisis continues to be a major source of stress on Santa Clara County and California's fiscal health, social welfare, medical, and public safety systems, and places an unnecessary burden on our most vulnerable populations, while disproportionately harming low-income families, putting them at greater risk for housing instability and homelessness; and

WHEREAS the most effective way to address these issues is to provide more homes, that are affordable to low- and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS housing is a human right and the need for housing stability provides the basis for educational, health, and economic outcomes; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee supports the California HOME Act (Housing Opportunity & More Efficiency), S.B. 9, calling upon the Governor and the California Legislature to rectify California's housing crisis, expand opportunities for existing homeowners to build equity, create new homeownership opportunities for those locked out of the market, allow for lot splits, and the legalization of duplexes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to Assemblymember Marc Berman, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Assemblymember Alex Lee, Assemblymember Evan Low, Assemblymember Robert Rivas, Assemblymember Mark Stone, State Senator Josh Becker, State Senator Dave Cortese State Senator John Laird, State Senator Bob Wieckowski.

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