



CTA Supports Affordable Housing for California's Working Families

California Teachers Association

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The Honorable Senator Scott Wiener
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Senate Bill 34 – Housing Infill and Reuse Act

Dear Senator Wiener:

The California Teachers Association (CTA) supports Senate Bill 34, the Housing Infill and Reuse Act, which aims to address California's housing shortage by streamlining the development of underutilized commercial properties and surface parking lots into housing opportunities.

Housing affordability is an important concern for educators and working families throughout California. Rising rents and home prices have made it increasingly difficult for teachers to afford to live in the communities where they work. These financial challenges can affect educators' economic security and make it harder for families to maintain stable housing near their workplaces and schools.

CTA supports SB 34's requirement that covered projects set aside at least 15% of baseline units for lower-income households, with a 55-year deed restriction to maintain affordability. These provisions could help expand access to housing for eligible families over the long term. Increasing the availability of affordable housing is an important consideration for educators and other working people facing high housing costs.

CTA also supports the bill's prevailing wage protections for construction workers involved in covered projects. Fair wages help workers support their families while contributing to the development of California's housing supply. Combining housing development with worker protections recognizes the importance of both increasing housing opportunities and supporting the people who build them.

Additionally, SB 34's focus on developing housing near existing schools and public infrastructure could provide more options for families seeking to live closer to their workplaces

and community resources. For educators, more housing opportunities near schools may help reduce commuting burdens and strengthen connections between schools and the communities they serve.

For these reasons, the California Teachers Association supports SB 34 and respectfully encourages the Legislature to advance this legislation. We believe that expanding housing opportunities while maintaining affordability requirements and fair labor standards is an important consideration for California's educators, students, and working families.

Thank you for your leadership and for addressing California's housing challenges.

Sincerely,

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