



March 22, 2017

The Honorable Toni Atkins  
Senator, 39<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 4702  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 2 (Atkins): Building Jobs and Homes Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Atkins:

As mayors of California's largest cities, we write in support of SB 2, which would establish a permanent funding source for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs.

Across our state, countless low-income households are experiencing severe housing challenges. While our cities have tried to address this crisis locally, we need ongoing, substantial investment from the State to leverage limited local resources.

Affordable housing is a critical component of our cities' social and economic well-being. As Californians are priced out of increasingly costly parts of the state, many are also cut off from access to meaningful economic opportunities in the workforce. A 2015 Legislative Analyst's Office report advised that the state's high housing costs are "making it more difficult for companies to hire and retain qualified employees, likely preventing the state's economy from meeting its full potential." Moreover, as housing costs soar, our state's already inordinate homeless population grows.

We commend your proposal, as it will generate millions of dollars annually with 50% of collected recordation fees going to local governments, helping to maximize local investments and prioritize local needs. Increased and ongoing funding will help stabilize the state's housing development and construction marketplace—which is good for the economy, the budget, job creation, and families.

For these reasons, we support SB 2 and thank you for sponsoring this important legislation.



Sincerely,

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Edwin M. Lee  
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf".

Libby Schaaf  
Mayor, City of Oakland

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sam T. Liccardo".

Sam T. Liccardo  
Mayor, City of San José

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Robert Garcia  
Mayor, City of Long Beach

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miguel Pulido".

Miguel Pulido  
Mayor, City of Santa Ana

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Garcetti".

Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles