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DATE

The Honorable Buffy Wicks

Chair, Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development

1021 O Street, Room 4240

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1657 (Wicks)** **The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2024.**

 **Notice of Support** *(As of 04/17/23)*

Dear Assembly Member Wicks,

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is pleased to support your AB 1657, which would place a $10 billion bond measure on the March 2024 ballot to spur the production of affordable and supportive housing.

Housing affordability and homelessness are among the most critical issues facing

Californians today. City officials intimately understand these crises firsthand. Local leaders are working to find creative solutions so homes of all income levels can be built. That is why cities are calling on the Legislature and the Governor to provide ongoing funding to help cities prevent and reduce homelessness and spur housing development.

AB 1657 would provide targeted and significant funding to support community-based solutions that get our residents off the streets and keep them in their homes. A recent [statewide survey](https://www.calcities.org/docs/default-source/city-leaders-summit-session-materials/cal-cities-homelessness-survey-final.pdf?sfvrsn=f876297_3) by Cal Cities underscores the need for funding. The results show that cities believe limited supportive housing options and lack of ongoing funding are the top two barriers to preventing and reducing homelessness.

**PLEASE CITE HOW YOUR CITY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS BILL HERE.**

The investments proposed in AB 1657 would come at a critical time as the last round of funding for the state’s flagship multi-family affordable housing program, the Multifamily Housing Program, was oversubscribed ten to one. Affordable housing projects are ready to go if funding is available.

The City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes that now is the time to invest in affordable housing. With the slowing economy, stubbornly high inflation, and the heightened threat of an economic recession, we know that our residents, now more than ever, are at risk of housing instability, losing their homes altogether, and falling into homelessness.

For these reasons, the City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports AB 1657.

Sincerely,

NAME

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CITY/TOWN of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

cc: The Honorable Buffy Wicks

(Your City’s Senator & Assembly Member)

(Your Cal Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager, via email)

League of California Cities (via email: cityletters@calcities.org)