

Santa Clara Housing Advocates

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The Honorable Thomas J. Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 522 (Wahab) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Umberg:

Santa Clara Housing Advocates is writing to express our support of **SB 522, Post-Disaster Tenant Protections Act**, which will extend just cause for eviction protections to units previously covered by the TPA and ensure continued housing stability for renters.

Santa Clara Housing Advocates is a grassroots group of local residents working towards sustainable and practical solutions to the housing crisis in our city in order to improve quality of life for all individuals and communities in Santa Clara.

We support this legislation because it aligns with multiple aspects of our Mission, Values, and Strategy statements. This includes:

- All people are worthy of equitable access to safe and dignified housing
- Housing is central to addressing other important social problems, including racial equity, gender justice, health, ability, etc. (*including climate change*)
- We aim to make it economically viable for people of all income levels to live and work here
- We work to support housing for all with a particular focus on groups that are disproportionately housing insecure

This legislation was inspired in response to the Eaton and Palisades fires, which destroyed over 16,000 housing units, but it also addresses discrepancies in tenant protections in relation to *future* climate disasters. In our community, that means these protections will apply in response to likely future earthquakes and the destruction they are expected to cause. The potential local impact of this bill is clear and substantial.

We are excited to see that our own State Senator is taking a leading role in pro-housing and tenant protections legislation.

For these reasons, Santa Clara Housing Advocates supports SB 522 and requests an “AYE” vote.

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