



To: The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
Member, California State Senate

From: Antonio E. Acosta and Carol Dutra-Vernaci

Date: February 15, 2017

RE: **SB 2 Building Homes and Jobs Act**
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Senator Atkins,

The City of Union City supports your SB 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act. This measure would generate hundreds of millions of dollars per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on specified real estate documents.

The City of Union City is eager to help encourage the construction of affordable housing but with the loss redevelopment housing funds we lack the resources to do so. While the timeliness of the environmental review, permitting, and approval processes can always be improved to help reduce costs, affordable housing projects require some form of financial assistance. This measure is a significant step in the right direction.

SB 2 would provide an ongoing, permanent state source of funding for much needed affordable housing projects. For these reasons, the City of Union City **supports** SB 2.

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