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California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the chance to submit comments on proposed changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Regulations (TCAC). The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (State Council) and the undersigned organizations and individuals are grateful for the revised proposal to increase the percentage of fully accessible units generally (Section 10325(f)(7)(K) and fully accessible units in senior projects (Section (10325(g)(2)(B)).

In 2017, the State Council released a strategic framework for expanding housing opportunities for Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.¹ As the shift from living in a Developmental Center to the community has occurred and the Developmental Centers have closed, housing options in the community have simply not been sufficient to meet the needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. More than 60% of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities currently live with family.² Of the people with developmental disabilities who responded to our survey during creation of the framework, 85% said they would like to live alone or with roommates. When their aging caregivers are no longer able to continue to provide the same level of support and housing stability, the housing crisis will worsen for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

TCAC has been a leader in addressing the gap in accessible and affordable housing. For people with disabilities to have the opportunity to live in the community, housing must be safe, affordable, accessible and near services and supports. This revised proposal will ensure that progress continues to be made to address the housing crisis for people with disabilities by ensuring more affordable and accessible units are built. Without this housing, people with disabilities cannot live independently in their communities and instead will be relegated to living with caregivers, in institutions or be homeless.

Fifty years ago, Congress established the State Councils in every state and territory to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can access services and supports that “promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion” in community life. The Lanterman Act establishes the Council in California to be comprised of 31 members appointed by the Governor,

¹ Lanterman Housing Alliance. (2018). *Statewide Strategic Framework for Expanding Housing Opportunities for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DRAFT)*. Sacramento: California State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

² <http://stateofthestates.org/documents/California.pdf>



including individuals with disabilities, their families, other partners and state agencies. The State Council is the guiding force for positive, life altering changes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

and the following organizations:

A Better Life Together, Inc.

AbilityPath

Adaptive Learning Center

Aidan'z House

Ala Costa Centers

Alta California Regional Center

Arc Imperial Valley

Association of Regional Center Agencies

Avenues Supported Living Services

Beacons, Inc.

Becky Coffey, Independent Living Services (ILS)

Building Bridges for Special Needs-Coachella Valley

CA In-Home Support Services Consumer Alliance

California Association of Public Authorities for In-Home Supportive Services (CAPA)

California Community Living Network

California Disability Services Association

California Respite Association

California State Independent Living Council (SILC)

California Vocations, Inc.

Cal-TASH

Capitalizing on Capabilities, Inc. (CAPC)

Care Parent Network

CARECO, Inc.

Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities

Channel Islands Social Services

Chinese Parents Association for the Disabled



Coachella Valley Autism Society
Community Catalysts of California
Community Employment Services
Community Housing Options Integrated Community Employment and Social Services
Community Interface Services
COMPASS, LLC
Connections for Life
Creative Minds
Creative Support Alternatives
Deaf Plus Adult Community
Disability Community Resource Center
Disability Rights California
Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center
Easterseals Southern California
Easy Community Day Program
Environmental Land Management (ELM) Services
Escuela De La Raza Unida
Exceptional Family Center
Family Resource Navigators
Family Support Network
Family Voices of California
Fiesta Educativa, Inc.
Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center
Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN)
Full Circle of Choices, Inc.
Future Transitions, Inc.
Golden Gate Regional Center
Harbor Regional Center
Harbor Supported Living Services
Horizon Day Program
Housing Choices
Housing Now
Illumination Institute
In2vision Programs, LLC
INALLIANCE
Independence for Life Choices



Individualized Educational Services
Independent Living Resources of Solano & Contra Costa Counties
Integrated Community Collaborative
Integrated Community Services
IRAAS Residential Care, Inc.
Korean Parents Support Group of Orange County
Las Trampas School, Inc.
Liberacion de Familias Excepcionales (LIFE)
Life Works
Lifehouse
Lighthouse Living Services
LivelyHood Housing
Mana Nursery, Inc.
Manos Home Care
Marin Center for Independent Living
Modern Support Services, LLC
Mother Lode Rehabilitation Enterprises Inc
Neurological and Physical Abilitation (NAPA) Center
Networx
New Beginnings Housing Foundation
New Dawn Support Services
North Bay Housing Coalition
North Los Angeles County Regional Center
North Valley Services
Nurturing Independence through Artistic Development
Options for All
Older Women's League SacCap (OWL SacCap)
Palm Tree Home
PathPoint
People's Care
Placer Independent Resource Services
Prader-Willi California Foundation
PRAGNYA
Quality Connections Living Services, Inc.
QUICK TRANSPORT, Inc.
Redwood Coast Regional Center



Resources for Independent Living

Rolling Start, Inc.

ROSLIL, Inc.

Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee, State Council Developmental Disabilities

San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center

Sentry Living Solutions

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center

Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living

Strategies to Empower People (STEP)

Strive to Thrive Enrichment

Sunflower Hill

Support for Families of Children with Disabilities

The Adult Skills Center

The Arc of Amador and Calaveras

The Arc of San Diego

The Arc of Ventura County, Inc.

The California Sibling Leadership Network

The Caring Connection, Inc.

Tierra del Sol Foundation

TLC Supported Living Services, LLC

Training, Education, Resource Institute, Inc. (TERI)

Training Towards Self Reliance

United Cerebral Palsy of San Diego County

United Cerebral Palsy of the Inland Empire

United Cerebral Palsy WORK, Inc.

Westside Family Resource and Empowerment Center

Working Wonders

Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area

Zula's Helping Hands, LLC

The letter was also signed by 341 individuals. Appendix I highlights stories showing the importance of accessible and affordable housing to people with disabilities.



Appendix I.

<p>I care for a young man with a cognitive disability. He made friends with a very kind lady across the street, who must get around in a wheel chair. He always enjoyed stopping to chat with this nice lady, and to pet her little dog. Sadly, her rent was raised and she could no longer afford to live in our neighborhood. This should not happen to disabled individuals! They need housing to meet their needs at an affordable cost. My client misses his friend and her small dog--so, the housing issue affects more than just those seeking appropriate accommodations. This issue causes emotional distress, not only to the those seeking homes, but, to their friends and family as well.</p>
<p>I know many people who have disabilities that live in their own apartments/homes with support. But as they age many have mobility issues that limit their housing options, while still having an expectation of community living. The same time will be true for the explosion of baby boomers as they reach their late years. Congregate living is not always the right option for many. We need more accessible and affordable housing throughout California.</p>
<p>my son has dual diagnosis of bipolar and aspergers autism and he does not have a job but survives on SSI and SSA. he definitely needs the chance to qualify for affordable housing in our area.</p>
<p>It is of the uttermost importance that all people have a place to live reasonably in this day and time. Rent gouging is out of control.</p>
<p>I live in income based housing with my two developmentally disabled children. We have enjoyed being part of a family focused community in an area in which I would have not been able to afford without tax programs. Reducing this program will hurt families and their children.</p>
<p>I was border line homeless 2 years ago when the apartment building that I lived for 4 years was sold. Within 30 days of purchased I received a notice of \$700 rent increase in 90 days from that day. It perfectly legal if the building was done after 1970. I couldn't afford it. I was lucky I had my tax returns because my \$300 emergency funds was not enough for all the moving expenses. Please understand average families don't have thousands of dollars in savings much less families of children with special needs. We try everything from those expensive heavy blankets to support the sensory issues our children struggle with. Honestly, we need to be an areas where there are services available. I considered moving out of Los Angeles but giving up the services my child was receiving would be failing him as a parent. I gave up a lot of things to keep us in our current service area. I don't go out, I don't buy new clothing only used .I recycle cans and bottles when I go out for walks. I canceled my gym. I list items in different apps; the things I can sale instead of donating them. I come up with different ways and strategies to maximize my income. Now that I have lost my job I have applied to every opportunity to get support my lost of income. I am going to manage to stay in Los Angeles because of the services my child needs. It's not a want but a need. It's not a luxury but a necessity.</p>
<p>yes I have a son who is disabled and in remission from cancer he is autistic</p>
<p>My husband and I invited George (had Down Syndrome) to live with us for the final 16 years of his life. He lived for 66 good years! I grew up with George as my neighbor & when he outlived his parents, he moved in with me and my husband. If we did not bring George into our home as family, I don't believe he would have had an opportunity to live in a decent home-like environment because housing for people like him is rare. Please consider any proposal that will create more housing for those with special needs like George. If we don't help them, who will?</p>
<p>I am lucky to have a house that I was able to adapt for my wheelchair needs</p>
<p>Our 26 year old son with multiple physical and intellectual disabilities needs accessible and affordable housing in West LA , where we live and where he has many friends.</p>
<p>My brother and I are both Eastern LA Regional Center clients. My mom has been searching for affordable and accessible housing for my brother and me since we were teenagers. I am 24 years old now. I want to move out and live on my own but we just cannot find a place.</p>
<p>Housing is essential for life because people need a roof over their heads to survive. After all, all people are animals by default. Please have a heart, and provide a place to stay so that pain and suffering can go away.</p>
<p>I have a daughter who experiences a developmental disability and need her nearby. Please support affordable housing.</p>
<p>Having a disabled son, and not having affordable housing, is financial ruin. With the housing market constantly increasing, and my rent being increased. I now have to make the decision to either pay for his meds or one of our basic necessities.</p>
<p>My daughter age 24 has had a goal her whole life to live independent. She was in general education her whole life, has attended college, is looking for work and now wants to move out of the family home. She is an only child</p>



<p>and parents are in their 60's. She deserves to live her dream but unfortunately rents are too high for her. If she ends up in a group home this will cost the state more money. We need affordable housing.</p>
<p>My adult autistic son, who still lives at home, will not be able to live independently without affordable housing for people with intellectual disabilities.</p>
<p>I work with Transition Age Youth with ID/DD. It is imperative for their independence and quality of life that there are affordable and accessible options for housing. It is a basic human right that a person has the option to live an independent and integrated life in their community.</p>
<p>I lead an agency dedicated to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and it is absolutely heart breaking to witness the compounded problems associated with housing. We absolutely need more resources!</p>
<p>I fully believe that everyone deserves accessible and affordable housing.</p>
<p>I understand as a social worker and service coordinator for the Regional Center I want to provide as many options as possible for our clients. They need to know there is a place for them outside of their parents home or difficult circumstances. They need to feel like they can live independent and have their own space. I believe everyone needs this. It is difficult for a typical adult to find affordable housing in California, especially if I want to remain serving my clients, let alone someone who has different needs and may not always have access to high income. Please consider providing affordable housing to the more vulnerable population in our state of California. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>I have a long history with the special needs population and fully support any plans/programs that address housing.</p>
<p>I am a Registered Nurse Case Manager with decades of experience assisting older adults with their healthcare and community services, and I am a parent of a developmentally disabled person. Many people may not realize that millions of dollars are wasted every year on unnecessary admissions to hospitals and nursing homes because otherwise healthy disabled individuals have nowhere else to go because their caregiver is no longer available. It benefits taxpayers to support this housing regulation because there are increasing needs and Medicaid/Medi-Cal paid nursing homes are the only sure place that people can go if proper housing is unavailable. People with 2 major life function needs to meet criteria for admission to a nursing home, custodial, in California. That means either a problem with obtaining food and cooking, walking, incontinence care. A majority of people requiring accessible housing meet these criteria. The average annual cost of a custodial nursing home in California is \$7,000+.</p>
<p>As people age into older adulthood (>65 years old) they require accessible entrances to their residences and their bathrooms because their mobility is limited. Many people must sell their homes or move out of rentals because plumbing does not allow for wheelchairs to move alongside the toilet, into the shower, or hallways are too narrow. This means that persons living in wheelchairs need housing that is both accessible and that is affordable on social security (SSA) and supplemental security income (SSI). Help with activities like shopping, cooking, bathing, and toileting is expensive and many older adults quickly deplete their retirement savings. For the intellectually and/or developmentally disabled, affordable housing is a must because many of these adults' only income is SSA and SSI just like older adults, except that this is a lifelong need not just when they are older adults.</p>
<p>Please consider the long-term impact on these people's lives and on taxpayer dollars.</p>
<p>I'm an immigrant and we couldn't afford an apartment when we just came in to the USA, though I had a green card. Currently, I work with Latinex community, with developmental disabilities, and there is not enough low-income housing for all of them. That's why they share their apartment with others, and as we know now, this makes them vulnerable and they've been more affected by the COVID19.</p>
<p>People with disabilities - mostly on SSI as sole income cannot find accessible or affordable housing - Especially in California. As population of those with disabilities rises due to Baby Boomers aging, Autism Epidemic, Veterans, etc. the need far exceeds the supply & solutions rare. My daughter is 24 & Edwards Syndrome & my ex. foster dtr. is 29 with Severe Cerebral Palsy. They would not be able to afford housing - if not living & supported by family/friends. + Many homeless have significant disabilities & are older. Our society Needs Solutions now.</p>
<p>As a chair user, access to affordable, accessible housing is critical and personal. It allows me to maintain my independence and dignity while not having to rely on others to support my daily needs. The alternative would be a more restricted environment that would be costly and unnecessary.</p>
<p>Yes, living in a rural area there is little housing available that is accessible. We have lived here for 47 years and now we are faced with having to move from the city my son was born in and has developed relationships in. We</p>



<p>will need to do this to find housing for him so that he can be independent from us as we age. Independence is so important and it is of the utmost importance NOW>>>> Parents are aging and their adult children need a place to live so that they are not left unsupported when parents pass... NOW is the time. We are already behind in keeping up with this need.</p>
<p>Working with individuals with disabilities for over two decades, has taught me that those with the most need of affordable housing, are most often left without. People on fixed income, or underemployed are constantly on the verge of homelessness.</p>
<p>Me and Abigail my wife need a better place to live in with accessible homes</p>
<p>As a wheelchair user, I know only too well how important, and essential, accessible housing is. When I was young, I was often extremely limited when I rented an apartment because of inadequate parking, small "steps" everywhere from entering the apartments, to getting the mail, plus once inside - high light switches, narrow doorways, and deep bathtubs which rendered it unusable. Even if it had a shower I could use, I often had no turning radius to transfer from my wheelchair to use the toilet and shower. And older housing units, often the affordable ones, were usually the worst as far as access. As our community members age, there will be an even greater need for accessible and affordable housing. I strongly urge your consideration to these proposed changes. It is the right thing to do on behalf of many.</p>
<p>I work with people with disabilities and I see the importance for this daily.</p>
<p>Our daughter, 33 y.o., client of WRC, has her goal of being independent and living independently or with friend(s). However, our family lives on the westside of the Los Angeles area where housing/rental costs are high, when low-cost affordable housing are available for RC individuals, they are far away from where we live and where her friends and social lives are in. Even RC workers have recommend families who have the resources to purchase property for housing need of adult children. But, not many families have the resources needed to do so!</p>
<p>I have received disability insurance and I have been a self advocate for many years. I was on the board of directors for FNRC over 10 years ago. I want to give back to these clients who have made my life better and I rent out my house to help do that.</p>
<p>I'm a social worker. The most difficult thing that we face is finding housing for individuals especially the elderly and disabled. I have over 22 years of experience.</p>
<p>As an advocate, family member, and disability consultant, I have worked for many years with individuals who have mobility issues and have found it difficult to access affordable and accessible housing to meet their needs. There is nothing more important than having a safe, accessible, and affordable home. We are grateful for the revised proposal to increase the percentage of fully accessible units generally (Section 10325(f)(7)(K) and fully accessible units in senior projects (Section (10325(g)(2)(B)).</p>
<p>I helped advocate and support a mom and her two school age children - the mom and one of the children with disabilities. They were homeless and had lived in a trailer, a winter shelter program and the Feather River bottoms in a tent. They were able to move into an apartment that was designated for the disabled. Without that resource they would still be "camping". Our families need more, not less, resources for housing.</p>
<p>My son has ASD. There is an increasing number of soon-to-be adults with no place to live independently. This is important to my son and to all Special Needs Adults who WANT to live independently.</p>
<p>My husband and I are parents of 28 YEAR-OLD TRIPLETS, each of whom has a developmental disability and receives services from Westside Regional Center. Having them live at home with us is not sustainable. We can barely afford rent for our house let alone help them financially to move to their own places. They each deserve the opportunity to move into an apartment on his/her own, like other adults. There are new apartment and condo buildings sprouting in our area every day. It angers and saddens me, and my children, that they cannot afford to live in one of the developments. They desperately need housing and a chance to be independent. The addition of more accessible units in housing developments is a welcome sign of positive things to come, I hope!</p>
<p>Daughter with Cerebral palsy. She was placed in a home after waiting almost three years for an appropriate placement to meet her needs.</p>
<p>For the last 4 plus years I have had the honor of assisting those who used to live in the the Sonoma Developmental Center into rehabilitated homes in Sonoma and Solano counties. I have watched as they have blossomed in their new homes. But many thousand more are aging and will need housing that is specialized for their mobility and other disabilities. Please consider the needs of our population for housing. Thank you.</p>
<p>Yes my son is now 26 and the affordable housing options are not being made available for him</p>
<p>I have a 17 year old autistic son soon to be an adult. There is little to no housing for him.</p>
<p>it is of dire importance that my 32 year old son who has debilitating seizures be able to have access affordable housing. He is unable to work physically but deserves to respectfully be given a chance to live his life just like any other American.</p>



<p>I have worked as an adult Service Coordinator at NBRC and have seen clients experience homelessness first hand due to lack of housing resources and access to affordable housing specially for this population.</p>
<p>Here is my story. I am a section 8 tenant. And that while I like the apartment complex, that which I live in, because of how the complex looks, I don't like its location, because it's too far away from where I choose to spend my time and places I like to go to. When I tried to move four years ago back in 2016, I had to be put onto a waiting list, only to be found out two years ago that while there was an opening, that it was up on the third floor. But that the only way to get up there was just by climbing two flights of stairs. I cannot climb stairs very fast, simply because of a disability that mandates and requires that I use a cane, because I am blind.! The vast majority of section 8 housing, that which I lived in, all accessible housing is on the first level, that whether you use a walker, a wheelchair or a cane. In other words, unless there is an elevator or a ramp to get up to the second floor and in some cases a third floor or even higher, you can't live there. That is discriminatory. And that the apartment complex that I really wanted to move to, had three floors, but unless I was able to climb two flights of stairs, I would not be welcome there. All units and all complexes for that matter, must be 100% accessible. Not just 15% accessible.! I can't help but that wonder if the State treasurer Fiona Ma is aware of what's going on here.! This is ridiculous.! The only section 8 apartment complexes that I know of, that which have elevators, are those for seniors, That which our age 65 and older. But for the rest of us, that need to live on the first floor or don't want to climb stairs, because we can't climb stairs very well, we are told by landlords, if you're not able to climb stairs very well, to hell with you.! Get the hell out of here.! We do not want you here so get the hell out of here figuratively speaking.! They may not use those exact words. But that is just basically what they tell us. No landlord is on our side for god sake's.! And that that is just my story.!</p>
<p>My disabled son and I was denied shared housing because his disability would probably disturb the roommate. We victims of a predatory loan. Which caused us to move abruptly during this pandemic. Not wanting to uproot my son I searched from apartments to shelters to transitional homes. Either I earned too much or not enough. But the real challenge was find an accommodative place with Assessability. My nonprofit Aidans house yes geared to find and create assessable and affordable Housing for families such as mine. Single parent Households of children with disabilities thank you</p>
<p>I think eventually we will all have a mobility or sight disability. Ironically these conditions will most likely occur as we age and are on a fixed income and least likely to be able to afford to move. Able bodied individuals can live with the changes needed to provide access to persons with mobility or sight impairment but not vice versa.</p>
<p>I am 61, on SSDI and am unable to find any affordable and/accessible housing in Ventura County. The amount of my SSDI (less than \$24k per year) prevents me from qualifying for section 8, food stamps or medi-cal, making housing consume 75% of what i receive. All of my medical providers are here and I will be on the street shortly.</p>
<p>Yes! I have to move out of my home of 43 years and apartments are between \$2k- \$4k/month plus pet deposit and monthly additional rent for my 2 cats. Plys, nowadays you have to pay \$40 - \$50 for just the application fee! For a senior on social security and a little part time work, that's outrageous! And, the waiting lists are in the years for low income senior apartments . Please help us.</p>
<p>I am a person with low income who is turning 65. I have been online applying for many different types of living for persons of low income and seniors. I am currently employed full time and make \$29,000.00 annually yet I don't make the minimum to even qualify for most listings.</p>
<p>I have an adult son with cerebral palsy. Finding accessible housing has been a nightmare. Cutting the number of accessible units when the inventory of what is available is zero, does not make sense! What happen to compassion and empathy to those with disabilities?</p>
<p>People with disabilities and their families live with a limited budget. Some people also have physical limitations for this reason it is important that there is accessible and affordable housing.</p>
<p>My daughter has a disability</p>
<p>Several of my students have outlived their parents and are in the predicament of not being able to access affordable housing and no other family to live with and have become homeless as a result.</p>
<p>As a black disabled female who is experiencing homelessness and inaccessibility within the affordable housing realm it is important to address this issue to save lives</p>
<p>My adult son with disabilities finally moved into his own apartment with a housing choice voucher after being on multiple waiting lists across CA for 5 years. He is a lucky one among hundreds of thousands who are still waiting for more affordable/accessible housing to be built.</p>
<p>My family has been deeply impacted by the lack of sufficient affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles and Culver City. My brother was homeless and is now living in a boarding care facility. My working family members are in constant fear of not being able to pay rent and survive in this city. Affordable housing in Culver City has a</p>



<p>waitlist that is over a decade. I know because my disabled mother was on it for that long, she finally got her housing and passed away approximately two years later. It is unjust and depressing.</p>
<p>People with disabilities should have accessible and affordable housing because their SSI is not enough to pay rent, utilities and food.</p>
<p>My son with cerebral palsy lives in a studio apartment accessible housing. It improved his life to move out on his own at age 19. More than 13 years of education, he now is truly learning. He will complete his HS diploma age 20, and attends community college online. Thank you for the opportunity. With disabilities, things take longer, so he learned to start earlier. Apartments, Irvine 280 units. 39 for low income/disabled.</p>
<p>I have my own apartment and like it. I live by myself and I cook and clean for myself. I have a mild disability and I don't want to live in an all-disabled place.</p>
<p>I have a child who is 21 with an intellectual disability. Living in Berkeley we know there is no way he could afford any apartment in our city. Currently he is living at home but he eventually will want to live on his own and having him live in the same city as us is important. Additionally I am blind and so in order to stay connected to him as he moves into adulthood I need to live in a city that has good public transit. Having access to affordable housing for our son is extremely important so that he can have a feeling of independence and self determination and so that once we die and we can no longer house him he will have a future for himself. We don't see how this will happen without affordable housing thank you for considering this.</p>
<p>This is progress. I have no story to tell at the moment. My son is in an RTC (residential treatment center). He is finishing his high school certificate of completion there. My biggest concern is where will he live when he comes home. My husband and I will be of retirement age in the next 5 years and we will not have the strength and endurance to take care of him. I hear about neglect and abuse in group homes. I suggest that government officials should read the study released called "A Place in the World: Fueling housing and community options for adults with autism and other neurodiversities."</p>
<p>My disability is cerebral palsy and I am now a senior. I use a power chair for all my mobility needs. I have lived in a BMR accessible apartment rental in Emeryville for the past 22 years. I was very fortunate to have been referred to this housing development by a community service organization that serves people with developmental disabilities. During my first year I obtained some funding to make additional accessibility modifications to the kitchen. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of finding this housing opportunity. The majority of people with disabilities are low income and cannot possibly afford market rate rental units. The core of independence for people with developmental disabilities is to live freely in our communities.</p>
<p>three years ago I was working in Long Beach. I am a caregiver and it was really difficult to see all the difficulties that the disabled elderly people I worked with have in housing. it is really important that these disabled people have access to decent and healthy housing.</p>
<p>Yes. I am about to become homeless again as the city tripled the taxes and raised the utilities and I can no longer afford to live here even though due to disabilities and age can no longer pay. This house is supposed to be protected by prop 13.</p>
<p>Seniors contributed to this country and its society, so they should not be discarded like dogs because their disability or age preventing them from working anymore. Europe/Asia treat their seniors very well and appreciate their efforts in society.</p>
<p>I work with clients that possibly are forced to live in group homes because they weren't aware of other areas they could have had their parents help plan into the future.</p>
<p>This Carlsbad family urges support of this effort. In Carlsbad, CA, the Section 8 housing list has not been opened for years - you cannot even sign onto a waitlist. If our leaders believe in maximizing the independence of those with disabilities, as noted in the State's Lanterman Act, affordable housing is a MAJOR obstacle for those with intellectual disabilities and other disabilities and needs legislative improvements such as this. Sustainable lifestyles require housing affordability and accessibility. I care for my aging parent and two sons with disabilities, both of whom are capable of living on their own with support. But, there is no where for them to live so that we can offer transportation or other support to help them live more independently and reduce their dependence on public benefits. This type of change will help families build communities, increase independence and help our loved one develop a meaningful community presence to live as other of our community members. Thank you.</p>
<p>I am a parent of a 22 year old autistic young adult. She is a senior in college and drives. She is capable of living independently with some life skills support from parents or an ILS worker. The problem is that Bay Area housing costs are too high to make this possible. Please have California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program to build affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals as well. Limiting these regulations to people with mobility issues and people with hearing/disabilities issues creates an enormous impediment to access for people with developmental disabilities.</p>



My son is 23 yo with ASD and was able to luckily get an apartment in Riviera Housing in WC. This has been the best thing for his independence to grow and support himself in the community. He has matured there and is currently unemployed (due to Covid) yet still is able to have a roof over his head for the goodnesses of HUD. This is hopefully just a stepping stone for him, but in our minds we know he has a great affordable place to live.

I am a parent of a 29 year old autistic young adult. He has a BA in communications and he drives, but has had difficulty with employment and earning a living on which he could afford housing in the Bay Area. He is capable of living independently with some life skills support from parents or an ILS worker. However, Bay Area housing costs are too high to make this possible. Please have the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program to build affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals as well. Limiting these regulations to people with mobility issues and people with hearing/disabilities issues creates an enormous impediment to access for people with developmental disabilities.

My 17 year old autistic young adult, soon graduates high school and is capable of living independently with some life skills support from parents or an ILS worker. He and many capable others need housing access & options. Please have California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program, include building affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals like these as well. Limiting these regulations to people with mobility issues and people with hearing/disabilities issues creates an enormous barriers to access for people with developmental disabilities.

I am a parent of a 23 year old young adult with developmental disabilities. She attends Merritt in hopes of earning an AA in Child Development someday. She is capable of living independently with some life skills support from parents or an ILS worker. The problem is that Bay Area housing costs are too high to make this possible. Please have California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program to build affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals as well. Limiting these regulations to people with mobility issues and people with hearing/disabilities issues creates an enormous impediment to access for people with developmental disabilities.

I have a 17 year old daughter, who is autistic, diagnosed at 2 1/2. We are a middle-income family, with health insurance, employment, our own home, and have felt so very fortunate to be able to get our daughter everything she has needed as she's grown and developed, and we've been able learn and understand her changing needs as she gets older. It has not been easy--financially or even emotionally, and the stress has even had an affect on my health. Still, because we have regular income and health insurance, I feel grateful that I can now seek the healthcare and education that I need. All that involves raising a child who is differently-abled is already challenging for families and individuals, and the thought of what needs to happen before (in preparation) and as the child transitions into adulthood is extremely daunting. Families, especially those who aren't in our position--to be able to plan and even do what we can to be sure our daughter has a certain level of financial stability which includes learning about and seeking independent living and perhaps even a home, need to know there are options that will be available for thier children. They need to know that they have that to work toward, so they'll believe that their children (those who have that opportunity and potential) may be able to live independently one day, and have the desire to include that in their focus and goals.

Both my son and daughter are young adults w the Regional center. They will need affordable house

Affordable and accessible housing is important to me because it is cheaper than an institution and better for future generations of people who have developmental and intellectual disabilities.

My daughter who is autistic needs be trained for independent living but she cannot afford to pay rent, all the units/apt. We see are very high. They're asking for too much rent.her income can only buy a tent.

I am a parent of a 31 year old autistic young adult. He is capable of living independently with some life skills support from the community based program in which he is enrolled. We parents are paying his rent in a private shared apartment . This is not sustainable because Bay Area housing costs are so high. Please have California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program to build affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals as well. Limiting these regulations to people with mobility issues and people with hearing/disabilities issues creates an enormous impediment to access for people with developmental disabilities.

I am a Mother of two twin boys age 14 that have Autism. I am also housing my Mentally challenged niece and nephew both 39 years old. They were previously homeless.

Just to Reiterate the content that in the attached letter. Without this housing, people with disabilities cannot live independently in their communities and instead will be relegated to living with caregivers, in institutions or be homeless. Thank you for your consideration.



<p>I am the parent of a 33-year-old woman. She has multiple medical conditions, but no physical limitations. Because she also has learning issues, social skills deficits, and anxiety, she needs some life skills support from parents or an ILS worker. She does, however, live independently and takes pride in that. But Bay Area housing costs are high. Making sure that California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) regulations require developers who receive tax credits from the program to build affordable housing for developmentally disabled individuals, as well as for people with mobility issues and hearing or vision disabilities issues would go a long way to making her independence possible.</p>
<p>my son will have these needs as he is ASD and Reg Cntr client, age 20</p>
<p>I have 2 disabled sons. My one son is in a wheelchair and it has been a struggle over the years to find not only affordable housing but accessible for his needs.</p>
<p>My adult son lives with me, and he has CP, and uses a wheelchair.. He has a Masters degree, is employed full-time, but can not find an affordable, wheelchair accessible apartment anywhere near mass transit. It is incredibly frustrating for him. He has been on waiting lists for 5 years now- with no luck.</p>
<p>Because my son is 17 and will need to be on his own at some point. He had multiple health impairments and diagnosis's and we are afraid if there is no place for him to live he could be on the streets of something were to happen to us. He will be on disability for life</p>
<p>My current apartment complex is not handicap friendly and it will not take the necessary changes. To be able to find one these days are very hard .</p>
<p>I work with young people just entering the job market, most often from poverty. Affordable housing is a critical need and should not be a privilege.</p>
<p>Accessible and affordable housing means everything to me and to my community. We need real affordable apartments that we can call our home without any barriers because we belong in the community just like everyone else.</p>
<p>Taking care of elderly and disabled I see how hard it is for them on fixed incomes to survive monthly and how hard it is to get around its not quality of life to not be able to to access things in your own home or take baths if it's not accessible or even reach your cupboards they can't pay all their bills and afford food it's really sad when rent takes your whole pay check</p>
<p>My name is Esteban Corrales and I live at Bartlett Commons in Davis, California. Now that I am retired, it is even more important that I have affordable housing. I love living here because I can afford to live by myself and live where there are many people that are so close to be friends with. I like all the activities and love to be part of this community, even the cats roaming around are friendly. I even got a volunteer job helping the maintenance department.</p>
<p>Housing Now receives over 20 calls a month and several are from people who require some type of accessibility. The wait lists for accessible housing are several years long. There is no lack of need for these type of units.</p>
<p>I have a physical disability and need to move into affordable housing to move on with my life as an individual.</p>
<p>I have four families displaced by recent fires who are homeless. Either living in motels or in cars.</p>
<p>My 23 year old special needs daughter needs affordable safe housing near transportation sources as she doesn't drive. This is very hard to find in Southern California.</p>
<p>I am an education specialist and I advocate for all of my students to have access to affordable housing. When they reach their age of maturity and would like to entertain living independently their should be housing available to them. If there is no housing available how can we expect them to try to live independently?</p>
<p>My physically disabled mother currently lives with a relative because she needed a place to live when there were no affordable accessible apartments available. We were told the wait list would take years. Please build more accessible and affordable units for the upcoming wave of disabled seniors who will need this housing, and for the disabled of any age who currently have to live dependent on someone else for their shelter.</p>
<p>My adult son has intellectual disability and has very little income to support himself. The high cost of housing means he has to sacrifice all that typically developed folks enjoy just to have a place to live. Folks like my son need every help they can get just to survive. So, please adopt this accessible and affordable housing proposal. Thank you!</p>
<p>accessible affordable housing should be a priority on everyone's agenda</p>
<p>There is a growing need for affordable housing in our city as COVID-19 has impacted many families in our region.</p>
<p>Our special needs community are struggling to access to affordable housing, because our community don't have high income they get rejected for not making enough money to pay for rent. Our families deserve to have a decent place that they call home.</p>
<p>Almost 20 years ago, I was living at home with my mother. I wanted very much to live on my own and be independent. I was on SSI and with my limited income could not afford an apartment, so I applied for a Section</p>



<p>#8 voucher. I was on the waiting list for a number of years,, but I eventually got a voucher and then an apartment.</p>
<p>When you have a child with special needs, they are often disruptive to neighbors and the families get evicted. With an eviction on record, it is hard to get another apartment and we are lucky if we have a family member with a home to move-in with. The number of people in that home becomes a liability when allowing service providers in-home, so people avoid the services for fear the family member will be removed from the home. That's if they are lucky. What if you don't have anyone to move-in with?</p>
<p>I am an Independent Adult with disabilities and intellectual disabilities also on a fixed income with SSI and this would defiantly help me live a better life with low rent and handicap accessible housing.</p>
<p>As a parent with out regional center my adult son would not be able to live as a independent adult with support. I was able to find a roommate so he could have help to pay yet it is still more than 60% of his income.</p>
<p>If I did not have access to "affordable housing" I would be forced to live in a group home rather than in my own apartment. I have previously lived in a group home and I did not do well there as there were too many restrictions that prevented me from fully enjoying my life</p>
<p>I work for a developmental disability organization and supports housing for the population that we serve</p>
<p>In about 1995, my eldest sister saw an ad for the housing unit that I am currently living in. The paper said that there was a number of units open- accessible, and affordable! As I use a wheelchair, I needed to make sure that the unit was accessible – the ad did say that it was, but still you never know! After doing my homework, I applied and sign up for it.</p> <p>When I went to the actual Day of registration, I was one of 100 and some odd people in line!! Thing was, I actually parked in the space that would be mine</p> <p>Suffice it to say, I did actually get the unit! :-)) I have been here for over 22 years.</p>
<p>I have an adult daughter on the autism spectrum that desperately needs Permanent Supportive Housing in our community of Grass Valley. We currently have no such facilities. The nearest facility is 50 miles away from our daughter's community. We all desperately need housing for all disabilities!! Thank you.</p>
<p>Taking care of elderly and disabled I see how hard it is for them on fixed incomes to survive monthly and how hard it is to get around its not quality of life to not be able to to access things in your own home or take baths if it's not accessible or even reach your cupboards they can't pay all their bills and afford food it's really sad when rent takes your whole pay check</p>
<p>It is my belief not only the disabled but the homeless camps around this city is growing. We need to establish a homeless city as well</p>
<p>My adult son has down syndrome and lives in an affordable housing apartment with his girlfriend. They would never be able to live independently without the affordable housing program. I believe this to be a much more fulfilling life for my son and certainly less expensive than a group run home.</p>
<p>I live with my mother because I could not find a decent, affordable place to live.</p>
<p>Our adult son is 22 years old with various challenges (cerebral palsy, epilepsy, vision impairment and intellectual disabilities) yet he wants to live his life as independently as possible. Finding housing options is an important aspect of his living on his own (or with roommates) in the future - and affordable housing is vital to that option. Adults with disabilities need accessible and affordable housing and should not be left out of the discussion of vulnerable populations and communities in need.</p>
<p>I am a senior and a parent to a son with disabilities. As such I am sensitive to the needs of those who struggle to find affordable AND accessible housing in my community. It pains me to see my fellow parents and seniors struggle to make ends meet and be forced to live in substandard housing or move in with family, losing their independence. My dreams for my son include being able to stay in his own community and be able to have housing that is accessible to him, and that stays affordable, especially after I am gone.</p>
<p>Housing for IDD individuals is very important. Most of them had no choice in obtaining their disabilities and they are an under-served population in our communities. There are numerous options for other low income segments in our society to obtain housing so now it is the IDD population's turn.</p>
<p>My daughter is able to live a normal least restrictive life in the community on her social security benefit thnx to low income housing. Full time employment to pay for her living expenses is not an option for her. She would not be successful in a care home due to unique support needs and specialized care. Her current housing is accessible and has zero barriers which she needs to use her mobility equipment. This housing is critical to her health and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Yes. My friend Delia is 26 and she want to live independently! She is in a wheel chair and needs housing for her situation.</p>



In California access to affordable housing is the only option for thousands of people with development difficulties.
One of the main areas of concerns as parent of a young consumers in California is the fact that housing is becoming increasingly out of reach for so many. My daughters have access to many of the different supports they needs in order to have a successful life in California. They will be priced out of housing if we don't do anything to prevent it.
My 35 year old daughter has Down Syndrome. Without family and/or programs to assist her, she (and her peers) would be homeless (and vulnerable).
Sunflower Hill, a 501c3 nonprofit in Pleasanton, CA that I founded just built and opened affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. It's the first of its kind in the TriValley and simply would not have happened without tax credits and the incentive to create places and spaces for those who live solely on social security disability income.
I have two disabled children whose cherished dream is to live independently in the community. This motion will support this dream.
Working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for over 20 years I have seen the impact increasing housing costs have on tenants with I/DD. Unplanned moves due to increased rents or property being sold. Alternative housing may require long environments that are not conducive to safe and secure quality of life. Generally occupancy must be increased to share costs which may lead to increased behaviors and reduced quality of life.
I live in a Low Income Housing Tax Credit property in Escondido which is a godsend as I am a medically complex young adult with Intellectual Disability and some Physical Disability. No one ever thought I would be able to live independently and because of my affordable housing I am able to.
My aunt is in a wheel chair and needs affordable housing really bad!
As an employee of an agency who works with homeless humans as well as those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as a citizen in this city/state, I see the impact of ever increasing rents. Our neighbors with dedicated income streams, SSI/SSD or on a limited budget can no longer afford to live in many of our communities without additional financial assistance and resources. To pay rent they forgo basic necessities and many end up unable to pay rent and fall into homelessness. This is a financial burden on our law enforcement and health care systems but more importantly, unacceptable.
Living with a disability is hard enough. The prices are outrageous, a lot of us are on fixed income. It seems the way things are we are given a choice of either housing, medication, or food, why do we not have a choice and can afford all of them.
I wish my sons can own their own property like any other young adult with a job; sadly, here in California even with two jobs can be very difficult to save and give a down payment.
I moved to California for it disabilities benefits from Indiana were everything way more affordable except they horrible disabilities system.
Sorry this is late life gets in the way sometimes when we want to advocate! 🙄 however As a paraplegic for 39'years I have had frustration at various times trying to find accessible and affordable housing. it is very frustrating when I look for housing and can't even get in to see how the inside "feels" or looks! Especially in new developments!
I have been so very fortunate to have been able to maintain a home for 32 years and not have to use it as an ATM to survive. I know many people and have friends who have not had this luxury. I heard today that a man who bought a house 6 years ago in Acton CA (the high desert) received his appraisal. In 6 years the house appreciated \$325,000.00 over what he paid for it!!!! If this does not sum up what the housing crisis is, nothing will. Over inflated, over sold, over everyone's head. This has to be stopped and rational valuations based on real estate principal not imaginations must prevail.
My son is a special-needs individual, 25 years old. We were recently blessed for him to get an apartment at Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch in Pleasanton. This was a TCAC project. It has changed his life, and hopefully solve the problem of where he will live when we are gone. There is a severe shortage of opportunities like this for special-needs individuals.
My son is special needs. If I die and he is alone he will need this.
My son would not be able to survive without having a proper place to live. Due to his limitations; he would have a difficult time living by his own and performing basic activities on a daily basis. Without his family support he would be lost in the community by himself and will not be able to take care of himself.



Appendix II.

List of Individuals who Signed on

Adam Breall	Bob Irvine	Derek Baxter	Hannah Michaelsen
Aimee Vitug-Hom	Brandy Tuzon Boyd	Diane Bedrosian	Harold T. Fujita
Aisha Wright	Brenda Chacon	Diane Walker	Heather Birdine
Alba Marquez	Brenda Huff	Dianne Millner	Heather Chavez
Alex Andy Phuong	Brianna Donofrio	Diyanna Mason	Helen G. Neri
Alexa Robles	Brittany Maufras	Donna Parker	Helen Reese
Alexandria Lofton	Bryan Rogers	Donnell Kenworthy	Helene Hartman
Ali Darvishi	Candace J Hein	Dora	Henry Broadbent
Alice Mercer	Candy Zavala	Dwight Bateman	Heurys Ramirez
Allison Cameron Gray	Carlos G Benavides	Elizabeth Bigham	Isis Brenner-Ward
Amanda Goodsell	Carmen Alcantara	Elizabeth Grigsby	Jamaye R Despaigne
Amber Avalos	Carol Elliott	Elizabeth Katz	James Grisham
Amber Machado	Carole White	Ellen Jannol	James Walker
Amparo Espinosa	Carrie Lynn Arnst	Ellen N. Goldman	James Wichman
Amy Bona	Carrie Madden	Emily Correia	Jan Adams
Amy Lampe	Casandra Carr	Ereida Galda	Jane Schoenfeld
Ana Amaya Garcia	Cathay Liu	Erica Beall	Janet Amador
Ana Quiles	Cathy	Ericka Harden	Janet Schenker
Anaid Carreno	Charles K Jitpatima	Esteban Corrales	Jasmine Pattynama
Andrea Wooldridge	Christie Hight	Esther Chow	Jeanne Lynn Eriksen
Andrew Eng	Christine Fitzgerald	Evangelina Ramirez	Jennie Lavy
Andrew Lindhardt	Christine Kantor	Faheemah Usher	Jennifer J Hipp
Angela Castro	Cindy Chandler	Flavia Negrete	Jennifer Sage
Angie Striepling	CJ Hawkins	Frances Pena	Jessica Picazo
Anita Wong	Clarita S. Natividad	Gary Bonfiglio	Jimmy Grissom
Anne-Marie Green	Daphne Chakurian	Gemma Capua	Jody Bailey
Annette Vitali-Thompson	Daphne Dunstan	Geoff Pryor	John E Reven
Anthony DeSalis	David Forderer	George Stone	Jonathan D Elfin
April Gray	David Muller	Gina Kerbein	Joseph Calderon
Ashley Allen	David Takeuchi	Gina White	Joshua Morris
Avery Horne	Dawn Anderson Booth	Ginger Thuemler	Joyce McNair
avery vilche	Dawn Padilla	Glen W Pollock	Juanita Hernandez
Ayleen Velazco	Debbie Drennan	Gloria Nunez	Judith Chambliss
Barbara Chastain	Deborah Hill	GOPAL SRINATH	Judy Taimi
barbara montaldo	Deborah Rains	Greg King	Julia Minderman
Ben Chen	Deborah Y Consiglio	Grethel Davis	Julie Snyder
Ben Kaplan	Debra Rabin, MS, OTR/L	Guadalupe Nolasco	Julie Watson
Beth Jensen-Warner	Debra Zentner	Haera kim	June Zoul
Bethaney Temby	Denise Lamontagne	Hagerey Mengistu	Karen Rusnak



Karen Thompson	Lynn McLaughlin	Murri Banis	Ronald Allan
Karla Naanep	Magda Cooling	Nancy Libby	Rosa Pugh-Hunter
Kate O'Connor	Magdeline Zogopoulos	Nancy Moore	Rosemary Kirbach
Katherine Chow	MAHIMA SRINATH	Nani Löfström	Roxanne Cheng
Kathleen Barajas	Malvina Cordoba	Natasha Peterson	Ruby Melchior
Kathleen Gault Anderson	Manuel Flores	Nathan Dow	Ruthee Goldkorn
Kathryn Layman	Margaret Johnson	Nayma Guerrero	Sabrina Davis
Kayla Ramsey	Margaret Shipp	Nea Hanscomb	Sabrina Jean
Kelly Derr	Maria Aguado-Zuniga	Nedira Sharma	Sandra
Kevin Jones	Maria Lara-Landon	Nicole Mion	Sandra smith
Kidada Medina	Maria Lopez	Nikita Wang	Sarah Young
Kim Carr	Maria Mccord	Pallavi Dsve	Sayra Reyes-Tapia
Kim Mihan	Marianne Davis	Pam Jensen	Scott Myrvold
Larry Parker	Marilyn Miles Petrich	Pamela Perls	Shacola Jackson
Latia Anderson	Marilynn Hudson	Patricia Burkes	Shannine Crockett
Laticia Sanchez	Marla Vargas	Patricia Cullen	Shannon Jurich
Laura Makings	Marta Leyva	Patricia Curtin	Shirley Rodriguez
Laura Prince	Mary Ellen Sousa	Patricia Lesavoy, Ed.D.	SHUBA SRINATH
Laurel Anderson	Mary Ellen Stives	Patrick Thomas	Simy Nguyen
Laurel Petersen	Mary Peitso	Patti Staack	Son Bui
Laurie Purcell	Mary Platt	Patti Uplinger	Sonia Dement
Lela Rondeau	Mathew Shipp	Patty Crawford	Stacey E Hard
Leslie Tenney	Maura McDonough	Paul C Tarlton	Stan Oishi
Leslie Visbal	Maureen McFadden	Paul Mamsll	Stephan G Anagnostaras
Leticia Galvan	Megan Hodapp	Peter Sawyer	Stephanie Preston-White
Linda Chan Rapp	Meladee Dawn McCarty	Pratimajit Kaur	Stephanie Quitugua
Linda McMorran	Melanie Landers	Presha Ponnell	Stephanie Rubino
Linda Stevens	Melissa Crick	Rachel Longan	Stephen Beard
Lisa Cooley	Melissa Crisp-Cooper	Rafael Dement	Steve Koyasako
Lisa G Tarlton	Melody Proebstel	Randy Hicks	Steven Jackson
Lisa Hayes	Michael Minton	Randy Schlecht	Susan Chandler
Lisa Houghtelin	Michael Quitugua	Rebecca Burchett	Susan Houghton
Lisa Stidger	Michael Yung	Rebecca Donabed	Susan M. Madison
Lisa Yamasaki	Michelle Barker	Rebecca LaBoriel	Susan Moody
Living Inside The Puzzle	Michelle Padilla	Rebekah Mihas	Susan Rosen
Lizbeth Ramos	Michelle Wolf	Renee Lewis	Susan Tamaoki
Lora Gonzalez	Miguel Scanlon	Renee N Griffin	Suzette Major
Lorin Heller	MIMI REISBAUM	Richard Moore	Sylvia Isordia
Lorraine Purcell	Miriam Kang	Richard Villa	Talina Mapp
Lourdes Gomez	Miriam Meza	Rick Hodgkins	Tania Morawiec
Lucile Lynch	Monica Smith-Braun RN	Robert F Krueger	Teresa DeJongh
Lumina Lagos-alex	Mousumi Crowley	Robert Larkin	Teresa Diaz
Lynette LaScala	Mr. Eric Ybarra	Roberta Adler	Teresita Towner

