



State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator and President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon,

On behalf of The Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition and over 50 for- and non-profit businesses and organizations, we commend you for your leadership on the issue of increasing the availability of affordable and accessible housing statewide, and in Los Angeles County. The mission of the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition is to preserve, protect and strengthen access to quality care for older persons, their families and caregivers in Los Angeles County by forging joint advocacy efforts to influence fiscal and public policy in the field of aging. Member organizations in our coalition serve a wide audience of seniors and their families, from the most affluent to the most financially vulnerable, and housing remains an issue for all seniors in Los Angeles County, and statewide.

Your thoughtful and strong leadership in this matter is critical, especially as we consider what the Los Angeles Times reported just last week, in noting that of the estimated 114,000 homeless California residents, 44,000 live in Los Angeles County. We offer our steadfast support in working with you, your office and colleagues. As you and your Los Angeles staff are aware, the LAAAC has been engaged in advocacy work for seniors over the last seven years. Given our strong and diverse membership in the coalition, we are confident that our expertise and commitment to the issue of affordable housing can be a strong asset to you and your homelessness and affordable housing work.

As chair of the coalition, I am happy to commit that LAAAC stands prepared to work with you in the fight for affordable housing. Our view, on behalf of all aging residents in Los Angeles County, is that homelessness must end and it must end now. The steps you and your colleagues have taken, combined with the resources, mission and energy that our coalition brings, can take us a long way in correcting the challenge of homelessness.

Your efforts to secure \$2 billion in bonds to house California's chronically homeless people with mental illness, is the right step, at the right time. As indicated, we hope to work side by side with you and your colleagues in this important and exciting effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Saborio", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rigo J. Saborio, Chair, Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition

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