February 24, 2020

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Member
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95914

Subject: AB 2344 (Support)

Assembly Member Gonzalez,

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2344. Circulate supports this bill because it will prevent developers who build mixed-income homes from creating segregated entrances and access to common spaces between market rate and deed-restricted affordable tenants.

California is experiencing a severe shortage of affordable homes. Existing Density Bonus Law provides developers with density bonuses and incentives to include affordable homes in their multifamily residential structures. These bonuses are important for the creation of affordable units and are a critical piece of a comprehensive solution for tackling California’s housing crisis. However, Density Bonus Law should not be exploited at the expense of the dignity of the occupants of affordable housing.

AB 2344 would ensure that mixed-income homes are designed and operated with all its residents in mind; a crucial step in fostering vibrant, economically diverse, and resilient neighborhoods throughout the state.

We look forward to working with you on AB 2344. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if we can be a resource to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

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