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

**Subject: AB 2345 (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 as a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 2345. Circulate is co-sponsoring AB 2345 because it will enhance California's Density Bonus Law, a critical statewide program that encourages deed-restricted affordable and market rate development throughout California.

Circulate supports this law because an identical effort in the City of San Diego has proven to substantially increase both the number of applications for use of the bonus program, as well as the total number of affordable and market rate homes permitted. Applications increased by 900 percent when San Diego enhanced its program. Additionally, applications saw a 473 percent increase for deed-restricted affordable units, and a 453 percent increase overall in units for mixed-income applications.<sup>1</sup> This modest adjustment to an existing policy will have outsized positive impacts on housing affordability and availability across the state.

We look forward to working with you on AB 2345. Please do not hesitate to contact us, if we can be a resource to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Colin Parent  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Circulate San Diego

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<sup>1</sup> Early Win for Affordable Homes Bonus Program, Circulate San Diego, October 18, 2017, available at <http://www.circulatesd.org/ahbpreport>.