

**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee  
Resolution in Support of Local Control for Increased Housing  
Density, S.B 10**

**WHEREAS** the housing and affordability crisis is a major source of stress on San Mateo County and California’s fiscal health, social welfare, medical, and public safety systems; and places an unnecessary burden on our most vulnerable populations, while disproportionately harming the low-income families, putting them at greater risk for housing instability and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS** the ongoing climate emergency is exacerbated by the lack of affordable and moderate income homes close to jobs, creating urban sprawl, increasing vehicle miles traveled, while increasing traffic and accidents; and

**WHEREAS** housing is a human right and the need for housing stability provides the basis for educational, health, and economic outcomes; and

**WHEREAS** Senate Bill 10 helped local governments that choose to restore “missing middle” or “gentle density” options to their mix, enabling cities to zone for naturally affordable homes, while improving the quality of life by reducing traffic and commute times and creating communities that can sustain walkable services; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee supports S.B. 10, calling upon the Governor and the California Legislature to rectify California’s housing crisis, by helping local governments to zone up to 10 homes on qualifying sites through local discretion; making it faster, less expensive, and less risky for a city to undertake a community process to increase density in our neighborhoods; and creating a path to address the housing shortage through the the traditional development pattern of incremental density built by many hands; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to Assemblymember Marc Berman, Assemblymember Kevin Mullin, State Senator Josh Becker, State Senator Scott Wiener, and Assemblymember Phil Ting.