

**San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee
Resolution in Support of the
California HOME Act (Housing Opportunity & More Efficiency),
S.B. 9**

WHEREAS the County of San Mateo, with one of the highest costs of living in the US and in the State of California, is in a severe and prolonged housing and affordability crisis, with an estimated 1.8 million new homes needed by 2025 in order to meet demand, yet on average only 80,000 new homes are built per year; and

WHEREAS the housing and affordability crisis continues to be 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 low-income families, putting them at greater risk for housing instability and homelessness; and

WHEREAS the most effective way to address these issues is to provide more homes, that are affordable to low- and moderate-income families; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee supports the California HOME Act (Housing Opportunity & More Efficiency), S.B. 9, calling upon the Governor and the California Legislature to rectify California's housing crisis, expand opportunities for existing homeowners to build equity, create new homeownership opportunities for those locked out of the market, allow for lot splits, and the legalization of duplexes; 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.