This bill builds on the well-documented success of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), which have expanded options for homeowners who wish to be part of the solution in solving the housing crisis. In just two years, ADUs grew to comprise one-fifth of all new housing stock in Los Angeles.

At a time when many Californians are experiencing economic insecurity caused by the pandemic, this bill will generate affordable rental units. It also provides flexibility for multigenerational housing by allowing homeowners to build a modest unit on their property so that their aging parent or adult child can have an affordable place to live.

SB 9 expands opportunities for existing homeowners to build equity while also creating new homeownership opportunities for those locked out of the market.

Finally, SB 9 strikes an appropriate balance between respecting local control and creating the environment and opportunity for small-scale neighborhood development that benefits the broader community. Recent amendments clarify that up to four units are permitted on a single family parcel as a result of the lot split provisions of the bill. Additionally, SB 9 empowers local jurisdictions to enact an owner occupancy requirement.

This bill includes key safeguards to ensure:

- Local governments maintain control of zoning and design standards.
- Community character is respected.
- Tenants are protected.
- Historic neighborhoods are preserved.

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