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DATE, 2025

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva

California State Assembly

1021 O Street, Suite 4210

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1061 (QUIRK-SILVA) HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: HISTORIC RESOURCES – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk-Silva,

On behalf of [YOUR ORGANIZATION], I write in support of Assembly Bill 1061, which removes barriers to housing development by allowing the California HOME Act (SB 9, Atkins 2021) to apply in historic districts, as long as projects do not alter or demolish existing historic structures.

[OPTIONAL: INSERT BRIEF STATEMENT ABOUT WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS AB 1061 AND/OR HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT, PLEASE DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH.]

California has a severe shortage of middle-income housing and small multi-family developments near jobs, transit, and high-opportunity areas. The problem: restrictive single-family zoning covers over 70% of residential land, limiting the construction of diverse housing options. To address this, the California HOME Act (SB 9) was enacted in 2021, allowing homeowners to split lots and build up to four homes, promoting small-scale infill development.

However, SB 9 has been significantly underutilized due to loopholes that cities and individuals exploit to block housing. A key obstacle is its exclusion of historic districts, which prohibits new housing on any property within these areas at both the state and local levels. This restriction has led to a surge in historic designations, particularly in exclusionary neighborhoods, as a tactic to prevent new development.

AB 1061 will close this loophole by allowing SB 9 to streamline lot splits and duplexes in historic districts, provided no existing historic structures are altered or demolished.

For these reasons, [YOUR ORGANIZATION] is proud to support AB 1061 (Quirk-Silva).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

**[Typed Name]**