



NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Community Say for Community Needs Act: ACA 1 Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-4)



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COMMUNITY SAY FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS ACT

Local governments and voters know how to best raise up our communities to address our local needs. ACA 1, the Community Say for Community Needs Act, will bring power back to local voters and communities by eliminating restrictions that hold us back. ACA 1 will allow our local communities to have a fair say and make sure our neighbors have a safe, stable, affordable place to call home regardless of their color or income.

HOW ACA 1 WORKS

ACA 1 is designed to support the urgent needs of our local communities. This bill supports local voters' decision-making opportunities by offering communities a more realistic financing option to increase needed affordable homes and address our local public infrastructure challenges. Lowering the vote approval threshold to 55 percent for affordable housing and infrastructure revenue measures provides our local governments with a more realistic financing option, strengthens local communities, protects the will of voters, and addresses local infrastructure challenges.

ACA 1 puts the will of the voters first. If approved by the Legislature, ACA 1 will next need to be approved by voters statewide, further solidifying voters' support. Once fully enacted, a bond or special tax will still need at least 55 percent approval from voters. Lawmakers must give us the opportunity to do what is best for our families and neighbors by passing ACA 1 and letting voters decide.



WHY ACA 1 IS THE RIGHT SOLUTION

Our communities are concerned about our growing housing affordability crisis and have overwhelmingly supported local measures to build more affordable homes. In 2018, a majority of voters from Santa Rosa, San Jose, and Santa Cruz County voted for local measures to raise needed local revenue for affordable homes. Yet, **the severely restrictive two-thirds threshold in the California Constitution kept these voters' will from becoming reality**, and low-income and communities of color remain without safe, stable, affordable places to call home. These communities collectively lost out on an estimated \$3.5 billion in new funding for affordable homes, including state and federal matching dollars.

ACA 1 will support local decision-making, strengthen local communities, and represent the will of the voters. ACA 1 will empower local governments and voters to do what is best for our families and neighbors, and help more Californians have a safe, stable, place to call home.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Contact Your Lawmaker. Visit our Action Center for opportunities to share your support for ACA 1 with lawmakers and the bill sponsor:
www.nonprofithousing.org/ActionCenter
- Join NPH's Legislative Issues Working Group to discuss affordable housing policy and the Legislature: pedro@nonprofithousing.org
- Endorse our efforts and join our coalition: jr@nonprofithousing.org

*ACA 1 is an **NPH Supported Bill** for the 2019 legislative session.
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