



## **SB 329, Mitchell, No Housing Discrimination Based on Income Source**

### **What is SB 329, and why do we need it?**

SB 329 prevents landlords from refusing to rent to tenants who would pay with Section 8 or other housing vouchers, if they would otherwise qualify.

In the face of the crisis-level unaffordable rents and shortage of affordable housing, over 300,000 Californians are using Section 8 housing vouchers. Voucher recipients pay 30% of whatever is their income, and the Housing Choice program pays the remainder of the rent the landlord would normally charge for the unit, providing landlords with a steady, assured income. Yet many landlords are refusing to rent to Section 8 and other housing voucher holders, saying the presence of low-income tenants lowers the rents on their other units and lowers their own and neighbors' property values.

This leads to the heartbreaking stories of people waiting years to get Section 8 housing vouchers, then hunting the maximum four months for a landlord accepting them, and finally having to return them unused because no apartment could be found. Even if you've been in a Section 8 apartment for decades, but then have to move, you still have only four months to find a new landlord accepting Section 8 vouchers. In Santa Ana, 64% of Section 8 voucher holders lose them because they cannot find an apartment in the 4-month window. In Los Angeles, it is 50%.

12 other states, and the Cities of San Francisco, San Diego, and Santa Monica all outlaw discrimination against tenants paying with Section 8 or other housing vouchers.

### **Where is SB 329 in the legislative process?**

**SB 329 is ready for a full vote by the Assembly.**

## What Can You Do to Help Pass SB 329?

Please contact members of the Assembly. Tell them that they need to vote yes on SB 329.

- Landlords must stop discriminating against low-income tenants.
- Landlords make no sacrifices in rent by renting to Section 8 tenants.
- Landlord refusal of Section 8 tenants is frustrating City and County efforts to reduce homelessness.

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01	Dahle	R	319-2001	41	Holden	D	319-2041
02	Wood	D	319-2002	42	Mayes	R	319-2042
03	Gallagher	R	319-2003	43	Friedman	D	319-2043
04	Aguiar-Curry	D	319-2004	44	Irwin	D	319-2044
05	Bigelow	R	319-2005	45	Gabriel	D	319-2045
06	Kiley	R	319-2006	46	Nazarian	D	319-2046
07	McCarty	D	319-2007	47	Reyes	D	319-2047
08	Cooley	D	319-2008	48	Rubio	D	319-2048
09	Cooper	D	319-2009	49	Chau	D	319-2049
10	Levine	D	319-2010	50	Bloom	D	319-2050
11	Frazier	D	319-2011	51	Carrillo	D	319-2051
12	Flora	R	319-2012	52	Rodriguez	D	319-2052
13	Eggman	D	319-2013	53	Santiago	D	319-2053
14	Grayson	D	319-2014	54	Kamlager-Dove	D	319-2054
15	Wicks	D	319-2015	55	Chen	R	319-2055
16	Bauer-Kahan	D	319-2016	56	Garcia, E	D	319-2056
17	Chiu, D	D	319-2017	57	Calderon	D	319-2057
18	Bonta	D	319-2018	58	Garcia, C	D	319-2058
19	Ting	D	319-2019	59	Jones-Sawyer	D	319-2059
20	Quirk	D	319-2020	60	Cervantes	D	319-2060
21	Gray	D	319-2021	61	Medina	D	319-2061
22	Mullin	D	319-2022	62	Burke	D	319-2062
23	Patterson	R	319-2023	63	Rendon	D	319-2063
24	Berman	D	319-2024	64	Gipson	D	319-2064
25	Chu, K	D	319-2025	65	Quirk-Silva	D	319-2065
26	Mathis	R	319-2026	66	Muratsuchi	D	319-2066
27	Kalra	D	319-2027	67	Melendez	R	319-2067
28	Low	D	319-2028	68	Choi	R	319-2068
29	Stone	D	319-2029	69	Daly	D	319-2069
30	Rivas, R	D	319-2030	70	O'Donnell	D	319-2070
31	Arambula	D	319-2031	71	Voepel	R	319-2071
32	Salas	D	319-2032	72	Diep	R	319-2072
33	Obernolte	R	319-2033	73	Brough	R	319-2073
34	Fong	R	319-2034	74	Petrie-Norris	D	319-2074
35	Cunningham	R	319-2035	75	Waldron	R	319-2075
36	Lacky	R	319-2036	76	Boerner Horvath	D	319-2076
37	Limon	D	319-2037	77	Maienschein	D	319-2077
38	Smith	D	319-2038	78	Gloria	D	319-2078
39	Rivas, L	D	319-2039	79	Weber	D	319-2079
40	Ramos	D	319-2040	80	Gonzalez	D	319-2080