



The Honorable Josh Becker  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

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RE: SB 591 (Becker) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Becker

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) writes in strong support of Senate Bill 591, which will permit the establishment of intergenerational housing developments. CARA is California's largest grassroots advocacy organization, representing over 1 million members through our 300+ affiliated organizations.

AB 591 would, among other things, permit the establishment of an intergenerational housing development that includes senior citizens along with caregivers and transition age youths. The bill would define, among other terms, "senior citizen" to mean a person 55 years of age or older for these purposes. The bill would permit the establishment of an intergenerational housing development if (1) at least 80 percent of the occupied dwelling units are occupied by at least one senior citizen, as specified, and up to 20 percent of the occupied dwelling units are occupied by at least one caregiver or transition age youth, as defined, and (2) the development is an affordable rental housing development, as defined, and has received an allocation of low-income housing tax credits from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee. Finally AB 591 would prohibit a housing facility or community from evicting or terminating the lease of a family with children in order to comply with the requirement that at least 80 percent of the occupied units be occupied by at least one senior citizen.

Many senior citizens require assistance with daily living activities in order to remain living independently. The caregivers who provide this assistance often need housing assistance themselves, so that they can be available to provide the needed care. These caregivers are often low income themselves and have to care for many people in order to make ends meet. By allowing intergenerational housing and support for these caregivers who could care for more than one senior living in the same development would be efficient and helpful. Furthermore, young adults just starting out and in need of housing could benefit greatly by living with seniors and vice versa. is a win-win for all concerned.

For all these reasons, CARA urges support of SB 591.

Sincerely,

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