

**2023-11 Resolution in Support of SB 423: Land use: streamlined housing approvals:
Multifamily housing developments (SB 35 extension)
Adopted July 20, 2023**

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo, with one of the highest costs of living in the US, is in a severe and prolonged housing and affordability crisis, alongside the state of California, with an estimated 180,000 homes needed statewide each year in order to meet demand, with over 1.3 million low income renters in the State of California who do not have access to affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, housing is a human right, and the need for safe, stable affordable the housing and a housing first model has been proven to reduce homeless, and how the lack of affordable housing continues to be a major source of stress on San Mateo County and California's fiscal health, social welfare, medical, and public safety systems, and places an unnecessary burden on our most vulnerable populations, while disproportionately harming low-income families, putting them at greater risk for housing instability and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, SB 423 will expand, strengthen and extend SB35 (2017), a state bill that has produced the most amount of affordable housing in California since its introduction and has been the state's most successful affordable housing legislation, producing hard to build, deeply affordable deed-restricted homes, while respecting and meeting local jurisdictions existing guidelines, residential zoning, and environmental standards; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee, lives up to our Democratic values of equity, inclusion and economic justice by endorsing SB 423, which values housing as a human right by creating significant amounts of high-demand affordable housing; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee calls upon Assemblymember Diane Papan, Assemblymember Marc Berman, and Assemblymember Phil Ting to support our need for affordable homes by supporting SB423.

Submitted by:
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