

2023-9 Resolution in Support of Social Housing Legislation
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WHEREAS, persistent wealth inequality, historically high housing costs and increasing costs of essential goods exponentially faster than wage growth particularly in the median and lower quintile of income is driving the rapid rise in homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the globally-admired City of Vienna has demonstrated that extensive provision of public housing can create economically-diverse neighborhoods while ensuring a robust rental market where virtually no resident pays more than 25% of income in rent nor is forced to live in overcrowded conditions; and

WHEREAS, providing dense housing near transit would meet the goal of reducing traffic congestion while *decreasing* vehicle miles traveled with benefits to climate, health, and economic well-being; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee supports social housing and urges Senators Becker and Weiner, and Assemblymembers Ting, Papan, and Berman to support enact legislation that enables California to build healthy net zero carbon social housing by reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled.

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