



CITY OF  
**HAYWARD**  
HEART OF THE BAY

September 28, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 2 (Atkins)—Building Homes and Jobs Act.  
*REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE***

Dear Governor Brown:

The City of Hayward strongly supports Senate Bill (SB) 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act, and respectfully requests your signature on the legislation. This measure would generate hundreds of millions of dollars per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on specified real estate documents.

Cities, including the City of Hayward, are eager to help encourage the construction of affordable housing. However, with the loss of over \$1 billion per year of redevelopment housing funds, most lack the resources to do so. While the timeliness of the environmental review, permitting, and approval processes can always be improved to help reduce costs, affordable housing projects require some form of financial assistance. This measure is a significant step in the right direction.

From 2011-2015, rents in Hayward increased by 33 percent while prices for single-family, detached homes increased by 84 percent. Affordable housing is a scarcity in our City. Bay Area regional housing market conditions have hit hardest at not only our lower-income families, but also middle-class families who are even struggling to find housing that doesn't require them to pay a majority of their income for rent. As a City where the median household income is only \$62,013, the need for affordable housing is dire and immediate.

Senate Bill 2 would provide an ongoing, permanent source of funding for much-needed affordable housing projects.

For these reasons, the City of Hayward respectfully requests your signature on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Halliday  
Mayor

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