



Honorable Mayor Sam Liccardo and Members of the City Council  
City of San Jose  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Arenas, Davis, Carrasco, Cohen, Esparza, Foley, Jimenez, Mahan, and Peralez,

**Re: October 28th City Council Study Session on SB 9**

The San Jose Neighborhoods for All coalition was formed to remove barriers to building a community of inclusion where everyone can live, work and thrive. The recent state action (SB 9) to eliminate exclusionary single-family zoning, allowing 2-4 new homes, and taking measures to prevent displacement, was a major step forward for San Jose and communities throughout the state.

We continue to believe that expanding housing opportunities and communities of inclusion will help break down the division of our city by race and income, provide new housing choices and options, and promote environmental sustainability by building in rather than sprawling out. We believe that the state action will enhance neighborhoods and strengthen communities throughout the city.

Since this coalition came together we have known that ending exclusionary-zoning barriers alone would not make this new housing affordable to lower-income families, and we remain committed to expanding opportunities. We will be asking the City Council to come together to support a separate study of measures to expand affordability, including both affordable homeownership and homes for rent. This is the remaining piece of the General Plan Four-Year

Review Task Force recommendation not addressed by the state law, and we believe it deserves your support.

As city staff have outlined in their memorandum and presentation, San Jose will need to do the work to implement and support the law, but the barriers of exclusionary single-family zoning throughout the city have been removed.

**San Jose Neighborhoods for All**