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Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
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RE: ACA 4 (Aguiar-Curry) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On Behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for ACA 4 addressing local government financing of affordable housing and public infrastructure. SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County. We advocate for a diverse set of positions which include affordable housing (<http://sbwpc.org/positions-new>).

The SBWPC position paper on Housing states that we "recognize the right to shelter for all human beings." With high rental costs and many families struggling economically, it is important for communities to increase the availability of affordable housing. Therefore, the SBWPC supports the development, preservation, and rehabilitation of housing units that are affordable for low and moderate income persons.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee believes that ACA 4 would increase the supply of affordable housing for communities in urgent need by allowing local government increased flexibility in funding these projects by means of creating "...an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, or city and county to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements." (Legislative Counsel's Digest)

Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of the bill.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Catherine J. Swysen

Catherine Swysen, President SBWPC

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