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Honorable Todd Gloria
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Re: AB 2372 (Gloria) CA Sustainable and Affordable(CASA) Housing Act -SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gloria,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 2372, California's Sustainable and Affordable (CASA) Housing Act, which seeks to spur the production of affordable and low-income workforce housing within transit priority areas. This bill changes the density requirements for developers in building projects within one-half mile of a public transit stop. The change moves developments away from being permitted on the basis of the number of dwelling units and to permitting based on the total floor area of the project (Floor Area Ratio or FAR). The new calculation method provides for more smaller units to be built in the same area. Other regulations in this bill involve allocating 20% of the units for low income individuals (i.e. those at 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less. The rest of the units must be for those with a cap in income of up to 120% of the AMI.

SBWPC is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County, with over 400 members. We advocate a diverse set of positions, including numerous positions on workforce and low-income housing. These housing positions include providing public and private assistance programs, development of affordable and workforce housing, and elimination of housing discrimination based on race, ancestry, color, and income. Pertinent to this issue, we support "the development of affordable and workforce housing along transportation corridors, with easy access to schools, jobs, and public services including open spaces." (<http://sbwpc.org/positions/Housing>). Because we view this bill as an important step in this direction, **SBWPC wishes to sign on a supporter of AB 2372.**

Sincerely,

Catherine Swysen,
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