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The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
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RE: AB 465 Professional fiduciaries: precicensing and renewal or restoration - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Nazarian,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 465 addressing cultural competency through precicensing and renewal or restoration. 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 with approximately 300 members. We advocate for funding for and implementation of comprehensive, culturally competent intervention and educational programs, as outlined at <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

SBWPC is aware that "cultural competency" here means understanding and applying cultural and ethnic data to the process of care that includes, but is not limited to, information on the appropriate treatment of, and care to, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex communities, ethnic communities, and religious communities. Private professional fiduciaries provide critical services to clients who often belong to a particularly vulnerable community and typically have fewer options for informed care and support. AB 465 will ensure that professional fiduciaries are equipped to provide supportive and respectful care by requiring cultural competency and sensitivity training during the education and licensing process.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB-465 as an important step forward in eliminating institutional barriers to equality, including ageist discriminatory policies and practices. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 465.**

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,

Luz Reyes-Martin
President SBWPC

CC: Assemblymember Steve Bennett, email Legis. Dir. Alexander.Soto@asm.ca.gov

Submitted through the California Legislature Position Letter Portal