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RE: AB 71 (Rivas et al.) – Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymembers Rivas, Bloom, Chiu and Wicks,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for AB 71 addressing homelessness in an ongoing and comprehensive manner. 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 a diverse set of positions which includes basic human rights for all, locally and globally, including access to food, shelter and healthcare.

<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support raising tax rates on businesses with annual profits of more than \$5 million and using those funds to prevent families from falling into homelessness, expand emergency shelters, create more affordable housing, and fund services including employment support for unhoused people. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards AB 71 as an important step forward in permanently funding efforts to address homelessness and housing crises. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of AB 71.**

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-Martín
President SBWPC

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