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The Honorable Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins et. al.
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RE: SB 9 – Housing development: approvals – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Atkins,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 9, streamlining the process for a homeowner to create a duplex or subdivide an existing lot. 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 the right to affordable, accessible and fair housing.
<https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support legislation proposing a multifaceted approach to addressing California's housing crisis, and trust the legislature will work to ensure affordability and safety concerns are addressed and incorporated. The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 9 as an important step forward in the development of affordable housing for all, with accessibility to schools, jobs, public services, and open spaces, which preserves community character and does not lead to urban gentrification and dislocation. Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 9.

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

CC: Senator Monique Limón,

Submitted through California Legislature Position Letter Portal:
<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>