



Rent Stabilization Board

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The Honorable Buffy Wicks
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Re: AB 2469 – Support if Amended

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

As Chair of the City of Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board, I am writing to share with you the Board's recent action to support AB 2469 if amended as described below. As you know, the Rent Board, an elected body, administers Berkeley's Rent Stabilization and Eviction for Good Cause Ordinance.

The Board supports the creation of a statewide rental registry as proposed by AB 2469. Such a registry would provide critical information to policymakers, tenants, and others about trends in rent increases, evictions, and other elements of the rental housing market in California that would be extremely helpful in crafting solutions to protect tenants. For that reason, we strongly urge that the measure be expanded to include all rental properties, not just those owned by a corporation or limited liability company. This change would ensure that information about all rental units is captured in the registry and that all tenants have the same protections that the bill provides when a landlord fails to register.

Similarly, we believe the data that will be collected will be more valuable if it is reported annually. We understand that it is your intent to amend the bill to increase the reporting frequency from every five years to every year.

Thank you for authoring this important legislation. We would be pleased to support it with the amendments described above. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legislative Advocate, Brian Augusta, at baugusta@piadvocates.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leah Simon-Weisberg".

Leah Simon-Weisberg, Chair
City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board