

TO: Housing Methodology Committee

DATE: September 11, 2020

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

RE: HMC Member Correspondence

## Overview

This memo provides an overview of the correspondence received since the September 4 meeting.

### 1. **Bob Planthold – 9/3/20 – Resource Sharing**

[see attachment]

Sent because, in the ending analysis ,  
bullet-points 2 and 5 are relevant to our RHNA work.

Bob Planthold

### 2. **Bob Planthold – 9/5/20 – Resource Sharing**

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/my-turn/2020/09/heres-an-important-part-of-the-solution-for-the-states-housing-crisis/>

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Governor Gavin Newsom  
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September 8, 2020

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Nix-the-Nine Campaign emerged because the housing package presented by legislators missed the mark on fair housing policy, as documented by The [Embarcadero Institute](#).

The bills created cumulative negative impacts for communities, without meeting the need for affordable housing. Legislators nixed seven of the bills: four failed (AB1279, AB3040, SB902, and SB1385). Three did not reach concurrence (SB995, SB1085, and SB1120). Two bills remain.

**VETO AB725 and AB2345. *Your veto would send a message to legislators and the public about better ways to set policy and meet housing goals.***

1. Legislators should set policy and secure funding for affordable housing. Implementation should remain the constitutional right and responsibility of local jurisdictions.
2. Local jurisdictions should not be blamed or punished for the state's lack of funding for housing but welcomed as partners in finding solutions. Local control should be strengthened, not handed over to developers and unelected bureaucracies.
3. Legislators should tackle economic conditions that worsen the welfare of Californians, such as the globalization of housing, pension debt, vacant investment properties, and the growing divide between people of wealth and people of wages.
4. Legislators should set policy that supports CEQA and accounts for COVID-induced changes in work, commuting patterns, employment, office vacancies, and homelessness.
5. Legislators should stop the adversarial practice of burdening cities with unfunded mandates. The League of CA Cities estimates a **\$7 billion revenue shortfall** over the next two years.
6. Housing policy should be based on facts, not on inflated or aspirational numbers like the 3.5M housing unit shortage perpetrated by AB2345's author in her [report](#) of August 31.

***THERE IS A BETTER WAY!***

Governor Newsom, you can count on us to work with you on a flexible plan that spells out a vision for housing policy based on reliable data, social equity, and transparent processes that fully engage a broad range of women and men on the front lines of good government.

Best wishes,

Susan Kirsch, Chair, Nix-the-Nine Campaign  
Co-Signing Groups and Individuals

**INVITATION to Co-Sign the Letter to Governor Newsom**  
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**Directions:** GROUPS

1. Fill in the form and return it to Susan@SusanKirsch.com by September 7.
2. Write a group or individual letter of your own (6,000 character limit) and submit to <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>. When it asks you to "Choose your subject," use the pull-down menu and select "Fair Employment and Housing."

<b>Groups</b>	<b>Name: Person Authorized to Sign</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>City Population or Est. # in group</b>

<b>Individuals - Sign here OR click here to go to <a href="https://change.org/nix-the-nine">Change.org/nix-the-nine</a></b>	<b>Title/Affiliation (signing as an individual)</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>