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Homelessness Prevention Act

SB 567 (Durazo)

Summary

SB 567 will enhance existing state law to better protect low-income California renters from unjust evictions and unreasonable rent increases. This is an effort to address the state's rising homelessness crisis.

Background

The rising homelessness crisis has become one of the most urgent and dire issues in California. It is present in virtually every community, as the number of people becoming homeless, deaths of peoples living in the streets; and encampments are growing.¹ According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, California's unhoused population has risen by 31% since 2010, which includes a 57% increase in people becoming unsheltered and living in the streets.² In a most recent count of the state's unhoused, there are more than 170,000 unsheltered Californians, accounting for half of the U.S. unsheltered population.³ This does not include families living in substandard motel rooms or sleeping on floors and couches.

Government responses have primarily focused on rehousing people, yet this has not led to a decrease in homelessness numbers due to the influx of newly homeless. While these efforts

are needed, they should be complemented by efforts to prevent people from becoming homeless. While existing law provides for basic protections from rent-gouging and unjust evictions, loopholes in the law allow too many tenants to remain unprotected from eviction.

Problem

There are too many California tenants that remain at risk of eviction and rents are increasing beyond what most Californians can afford. In 2020, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found a \$100 median rent increase led to a 9% increase in homelessness. Further, loopholes in existing law have led to widespread abuses that leave people vulnerable to displacement or eviction, even when tenants are in compliance with the terms of their lease. These evictions and rent hikes are directly contributing to homelessness. As inflation soars and both state and local eviction protections enacted during the pandemic come to an end, gaps in standing tenant protections are impacting more renters facing significant rent increases and "no-fault" evictions.

Solution

SB 567 provides greater housing stability of Californian's and reduces the number of people on the brink of homelessness by:

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/mar/22/california-homelessness-crisis-unhoused-and-unequal>

² Ibid.

³ <https://www.ppic.org/blog/homeless-populations-are-rising-around->

- Closing loopholes that allow for rampant abuse of the no-fault just causes for eviction.
- Limiting allowable rent increases to a more reasonable cap.
- Providing mechanisms for accountability and enforcement.

Sponsors

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 California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
 Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability
 PICO California
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Support

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 Berkeley Tenants Union
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 CADEM Renters Council
 California Alliance for Retired Americans
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 California Central Valley Journey for Justice California Chapter
 California Community Living Network
 California Democratic Renters Council
 California Environmental Justice Alliance
 California Environmental Voters
 California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
 California Labor Federation
 California Nurses Association/National Nurses United (CNA)

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
 California School Employees Association
 California State Council (SEIU)
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Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco
Housing Rights Initiative
Human Impact Partners
Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC)
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InnerCity Struggle
John Burton Advocates for Youth
Justice in Aging Justice Program
Latino Health Access
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Legal Aid of Sonoma County
Long Beach Residents Empowered, LiBRE
Mental Health Advocacy Services
MHAction
Mi Familia Vota
Monterey County Renters United
Muslim Public Affairs Council
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association of Social Workers -
California Chapter
National Housing Law Project
Navigation Structures
Oakland Rising
Oakland Tenants Union

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Community Alliance (OCAPICA)
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Orange County Equality Coalition
Orange County Mobile Home Residents
Coalition
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Resilience OC
Sacramento Act
Sacramento Tenants Union
San Diego Organizing Project
San Diego Tenants United
San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
San Francisco Muslim Community Center
San Francisco Rising
San Gabriel Valley Tenants Alliance
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