



July 5, 2024

The Honorable Christopher M. Ward
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 6350
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 3093 – Land use: housing element: streamlined multifamily housing –
Notice of Opposition (As Amended June 17, 2024)**

Dear Assemblymember Ward:

On behalf of the City of Carlsbad, I am writing to express our opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 3093, which would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements without funding to develop the plan, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.

Specifically, AB 3093 adds two new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment framework: acutely low-income, and extremely low-income. While these new categories are intended to help assess the needs of homeless residents, they fall within the existing very low-income category, which already accounts for the needs of individuals in our cities earning between 0% and 50% of the area median income.

We are concerned that this will only lead to duplicating planning efforts since existing housing element law already requires cities to assess the need for emergency shelters and assist in developing adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-income households. Housing element law also currently requires cities to identify sites and encourage the development of a variety of housing, including supportive housing and transitional housing. Through these processes, we are doing more than ever to plan for the needs of unhoused residents in our community. Rather than duplicate existing planning efforts, the Legislature should focus on providing funding directly to cities to realize these plans and spur much-needed development.

We share the goal of preventing and reducing homelessness and increasing the supply of affordable housing in our communities. However, real progress will require ongoing funding that allows for the development of long-term, ambitious plans that support unhoused residents and prevent more individuals from losing their homes. In the absence of ongoing funding to address homelessness, the complicated requirements included in AB 3093 fail to expand or develop our capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges across California.

For these reasons, we must respectfully oppose your measure. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Sharon Gonsalves with Renne Public Policy Group at 916-974-9270.

City of Carlsbad City Council

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Blackburn', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Keith Blackburn
City of Carlsbad

CC: Members and Staff, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Catherine Blakespear, Senate District 38
Myles White, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom