

Submitter: Bradley Bondy

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB847

As of Sunday I'm now 25 years old. For the last 7 years I've struggled to find decent housing that I can afford. I've lived in homes with mold issues, and I've spent far too long living with bad roommates for a lack of other options. Today I'm fortunate to be renting a modest 1 bedroom home of my own, but even now my home is an unpermitted ADU with poor construction and a bad landlord. I'm grateful to finally have my own space, but I do wish I were able to afford better.

About half of my peers that I went to high school with are still living at home even though most of them work full time jobs. Many of the ones who, like me, didn't have the option of staying with their parents have almost universally struggled to find decent housing. Some live with roommates, some in subpar housing, and many are unable to live in the city or neighborhood they would like to live in because of a lack of options.

Many of the requirements and rules that this bill would remove have a good reason behind them, but all of them add a little cost onto new homes. In congregate they push the cost of homebuilding up significantly. We must be better at weighing the goals of the rules against the struggle and harm that they inflict on new generations growing into adulthood, as well as on anyone who needs or wants to move.

I strongly support the reforms included in this bill. Ending this housing shortage is gonna be a long process, and will take more reforms than this one bill contains, but this bill will meaningfully help.

-Bradley Bondy