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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

The Pacific Green Party and its members strongly support the provisions of SB 611, which would

- Limit rent increases to 3% + inflation with maximum increase of 8% during a calendar year.
- Apply rent stabilization to buildings older than 3 years, which increases the number of people protected while exempting new construction. The 15 year exemption is unjustifiable.
- Increase relocation assistance to three-months rent to help tenants displaced through no fault of their own avoid homelessness. Landlords with four units or less are exempt from this provision.
- Set no limits on rent resets between tenants.

Nothing in these provisions is unreasonable. What is unreasonable is the dramatic and unjustifiable rent increases of the past ten years.

Homelessness and the availability of affordable housing are the crisis; protecting the profit of larger developers is not. These provisions do not affect reasonable smaller property owners who are able to negotiate terms with their tenants or document wrong doing on the part of tenants.

We urge you to vote in favor of SB 611.

Sincerely,

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CoChair State Coordinating Committee