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May 16, 2017

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

**Re: Support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 (ACA 4)**

SV@Home strongly supports ACA 4 (Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval).

SV@Home is a housing policy and advocacy organization that is driving the creation of affordable housing for a more vibrant and equitable Silicon Valley. SV@Home represents a broad range of interests, from leading employers who drive the Bay Area economy, to labor and service organizations, to local government agencies, to nonprofit and for-profit developers who provide housing and services to those most in need.

Each region of the State faces a different housing challenge, threatening the State's economy and quality of life. More than 1.7 million Californians pay more than half of their income for rent, leaving little to pay for other needs. Local government has been challenged to respond in light of recent actions, most notably the dissolution of redevelopment agencies-- and the resulting loss of over \$1 billion in annual housing funding-- and the 2009 court decision known as "Palmer," which raised concerns about the validity of more than 160 rental inclusionary zoning ordinances throughout the State. Both of these actions have resulted in the loss of thousands of affordable units for Californians. **More tools to help local governments respond are needed.**

While we have had recent success in a few Bay Area communities in passing affordable housing measures, this hasn't always been the case, isn't feasible in other areas, and efforts to gain voter support are extremely costly and challenging. Your bill, ACA 4, would treat affordable housing and public infrastructure in a similar fashion to local school bonds and special taxes, lowering the necessary voter threshold for approval from a two-thirds supermajority to 55%. This makes sense, and still requires that local voters overwhelmingly support a bond or special tax in order for it to be approved.

Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

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We sincerely appreciate your leadership and thank you for introducing this important measure.

Sincerely,



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