



# SENATE FLOOR ALERT AB 1521 (Bloom) – SUPPORT

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**TO:** Members of the California State Senate

**FROM:**

American Planning Association, CA Chapter  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
California State Association of Counties  
Council of Infill Builders  
Housing California  
Natural Resources Defense Council

Planning and Conservation League  
Public Advocates  
SF Council of Community Housing Organizations  
State Building and Construction Trades Council  
Tenants Together  
Western Center on Law & Poverty

**RE: AB 1521 (Bloom) – Assisted housing developments**

The above organizations urge your support for AB 1521 (Bloom), which will strengthen current law regarding the preservation of assisted housing developments. Specifically, this bill requires an owner of an assisted housing development to accept a bona fide offer to purchase from a qualified purchaser, if specified requirements are met, and gives the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) additional enforcement authority.

Our multi-sector coalition strongly supports the establishment of an option to purchase for qualified preservation purchasers when the affordability restrictions and/or subsidies on an assisted housing development are expiring and the owner does not intend to maintain the development as affordable. AB 1521 makes changes that will bring California in line with the best practices adopted in other states and will make a significant difference in the lives of tens of thousands of low-income families.

**For all these reasons, we urge your AYE vote on AB 1521.**

*If you have any questions regarding this alert, please directly contact any of the above organizations or call Maria Garcia with Greenberg Traurig at (916) 442-1111.*