



March 29, 2025

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
Chair, California State Assembly Committee on Local Government
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 670 (Quirk-Silva) Planning and Zoning: Housing Element: Converted Affordable Housing Units.
Notice of SUPPORT (As of 3/28/25)

Dear Chair Carrillo,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to support **AB 670 (Quirk-Silva)**, which would allow local governments to count a percentage of existing multifamily buildings that were converted to affordable housing through the establishment of a new long-term affordability covenant in their Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) progress in their annual progress reports to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

On any given day, newspaper headlines in California and across the nation are highlighting the state's growing housing supply and affordability crisis. [Seven in ten Californians](#) view housing affordability as one of the top problems in their community, and there is [growing concern from residents](#) that housing prices are so expensive, younger generations will be priced out of ever being able to buy a home.

City officials intimately understand this crisis as it plays out in their communities every day. Local leaders are working to find creative solutions to spur more housing construction at all income levels. In fact, cities are currently planning and zoning for 2.5 million additional homes statewide. Cal Cities continues to support efforts to balance the needs of local communities with planning for housing that is available to all residents across California, regardless of their race, income, or life stage.

For example, in 2023, HCD [rewarded over \\$150 million](#) through the Portfolio Reinvestment Program to increase affordable housing for more than 14,000 people over the life of affordability covenants. These kinds of efforts are crucial for maintaining affordable housing across the state, and local governments should be able to account for them in their RHNA progress.



For these reasons, Cal Cities is pleased to support **AB 670 (Quirk-Silva)**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at bguertin@calcities.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brady Guertin".

Brady Guertin
Legislative Advocate

Cc: The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva
Members, Assembly Local Government Committee