



March 26, 2009

The Honorable Lois Wolk  
Chair, Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee  
Room 408, State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Change of Position to "Neutral" on Senate Bill (SB 16)

Dear Chairwoman Wolk:

On behalf of the California Housing Consortium (CHC), I am writing to change CHC's position on SB16 from "Oppose" to "Neutral". Senator Alan Lowenthal introduced this urgency measure in response to the recent meltdown in the national financial market by making the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credit refundable. Although we remain concerned about the potential of this legislation opening up a Pandora's box of litigation over the payment of prevailing wages, we recognize and appreciate the continuing efforts being made to address this concern.

We are committed to continuing to work with Senator Lowenthal and key legislative staff to see if we can successfully separate the prevailing wage issue from the good intent of this legislation. We remain hopeful that we'll be able to achieve this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Director  
California Housing Consortium

Cc: Senator Alan Lowenthal  
Mark Stivers