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April 12, 2022

The Honorable Mark Stone  
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 5740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2050 (Lee): Residential real property: withdrawal of accommodations.  
City of Lafayette – Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I write in support of AB 2050 (Lee), which would take a critical step towards stopping speculator evictions and preserving California's dwindling stock of rent-controlled units. Specifically, AB 2050 would reform to the Ellis Act to ensure that the eviction rent-controlled tenants cannot be used until after five years of property ownership.

The Ellis Act has been exploited as a major loophole that allows property owners to evict tenants without just cause, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has paved the way for increasing levels of housing speculation, resulting in the loss of rent controlled units and the displacement of our most vulnerable tenants. AB 2050 strikes the right balance of both enacting renter protections and adding language to ensure small "mom and pop" landlords qualify for specific exemptions.

Ellis Act reform is long overdue, and a crucial measure to protect our state's tenants from speculators.

For these reasons, the City of Lafayette supports AB 2050.

Sincerely

Teresa Gerringer  
Mayor  
City of Lafayette

cc: Senator Steve Glazer  
Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan