



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

September 4, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 37 (Caballero)—Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I urge your signature on SB 37. This bill would, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, require the Department of Housing and Community Development, commencing January 1, 2025, to begin developing the Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Pilot Program. SB 32 would provide housing subsidies to older adults and adults with disabilities who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, in up to 5 geographic regions or counties. The City supports legislation and funding that directly address the root causes of homelessness.

Many older adults and adults with disabilities live on fixed incomes and face major financial burdens that make it difficult to pay for housing, food, and other necessities. Since Supplemental Security Income does not provide enough financial support to cover the costs of rising rents, older adults and adults with disabilities are among those hit the hardest by the housing affordability crisis. The City's [2024 Point-in-Time \(PIT\) Count](#) found that 34 percent of survey respondents have a physical disability, and 17 percent of respondents have a developmental disability. This bill would create a program to fund rental subsidies to address the disparity between income and housing costs for older adults and adults with disabilities.

SB 37 advances the [Master Plan for Aging's](#) goal of preventing and ending homelessness among older adults by enabling extremely low-income older adults and people with disabilities who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness to afford rental housing. SB 37 will help ensure that resources are available to expand rental subsidies throughout the state.

For these reasons, the City requests your signature on SB 37.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69th District