



OPENING DOORS FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Our coalition is dedicated to passing Prop 1 the \$4 billion *Veterans and Affordable Housing Act* to build affordable housing for veterans, working families, people with disabilities and Californians experiencing homelessness, including foster youth and older adults in need of a safe, affordable home.

WHY LGBTQ CALIFORNIANS NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The housing crisis is hurting many Californians, with 1 in 3 Californians unable to afford their rents and housing costs. The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community face discriminatory barriers that price and push them out of affordable housing. Due to longstanding socioeconomic barriers faced by the LGBTQ community many individuals are constantly at incredible risk of homelessness – from youth to older adults.



- 🏠 Gay seniors receive less favorable quotes for pricing and availability at senior housing sites than straight seniors, according to a 2014 survey by the Equal Rights Center.
- 🏠 A study of LGBTQ seniors in San Diego reported that 45 percent had difficulty paying rent or their mortgage.
- 🏠 LGBTQ youth have historically been over-represented in California's homeless youth population with estimates ranging from 7 percent among youth receiving services to 39 percent among street youth, according to the California Youth Homeless Project.



WHAT PROP 1 DOES TO BUILD SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR CALIFORNIANS

- 🏠 Dedicates \$1.5 billion to the Multifamily Housing Program, \$150 million for the Transit-Oriented Development Program, and \$300 million for the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, to build and preserve affordable housing for low-income individuals, including supportive housing.
- 🏠 These programs create affordable homes and open up paths across California so today's homeless youth don't become the next generation of LGBTQ elders struggling to find a welcoming, safe, affordable home.
- 🏠 With California's over-65 population expected to grow by four million people in the next decade — including a proportionally increasing senior LGBTQ population — the Act lays a foundation for the affordable housing our communities need.

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