



KEEPING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES SAFE

Safe neighborhoods start with safe, affordable homes. Passing Prop 1 the \$4 billion **Veterans and Affordable Housing Act** will help keep families and communities safe by building affordable housing for veterans, working families, people with disabilities and Californians experiencing homelessness.

WHY CALIFORNIANS NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE SAFE

- 🏠 Evidence shows that people who live in neighborhoods with strong and close community connections have lower crime rates.
- 🏠 When the law enforcement community must deal with the economic and human toll of California's homelessness and housing crisis, time and resources are diverted from community safety.
- 🏠 Parolees without a safe, affordable home face an additional barrier upon re-entry into communities, continuing a cycle of incarceration and homelessness. California reports show that at any given time, 10 percent of the state's parolees are homeless.
- 🏠 A Californian on probation is seven times less likely to re-offend when housed than when homeless, according to the Corporation for Supportive Housing.



WHAT PROP 1 DOES TO BUILD A SAFER CALIFORNIA

- 🏠 Dedicates \$1.5 billion to the Multifamily Housing Program to build affordable housing, including supportive housing, an important resource for parolees trying to rebuild their lives.
- 🏠 Focuses on affordable housing for Californians experiencing homelessness, thereby supporting public safety officers and reducing demands placed on law enforcement responding to issues related to homelessness.
- 🏠 Dedicates \$1 billion in funding to help military veterans have a safe place to call home.
- 🏠 Helps public safety officers starting out in their professions afford to live in the communities where they work, helping to foster strong community relationships. A study called Paycheck-to-Paycheck from the National Housing Conference shows a police officer in San Francisco needs to earn nearly double his/her starting salary to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.

JOIN OUR COALITION

- 🏠 Join our broad coalition of affordable housing advocates, business leaders, labor, veterans and environmental groups. Help spread the word among family, friends, neighbors and colleagues that keeping Californians safe starts with affordable housing — **Vote YES on Prop 1 the Veterans and Affordable Housing Act this November.**

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