



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA  
An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



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Assembly Member Mark DeSaulnier  
815 Estudillo Street  
Martinez, Ca 94533

RE: Support for Assembly Bill 239

Dear Assembly Member DeSaulnier:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the League of Women Voters Bay Area in support of the passage of Assembly Bill 239 that would fund the Housing Trust Funds in both Contra Costa County and San Mateo County. The LWVBA supports a wide range of funding in support of the provision of affordable housing. We support the creation of Housing Trust Funds for the purpose of longer range funding for this housing.

The lack of affordable housing in Contra Costa and San Mateo counties is having a significant adverse effect on the social, economic and health of our communities. Passage of Assembly Bill 239 will result in a permanent revenue source and the establishment of the Contra Costa and San Mateo County Housing Trust Funds. A fee of \$25 through the Document Recording Fee is proposed for recordings of 2 or more pages per transaction. Every dollar of funding provided by the recording fees will help leverage an additional five to ten dollars for affordable housing funding.

Businesses will benefit from this legislation, as it will provide funding sources for affordable housing for their employees. For-profit and non-profit homebuilders will benefit as this funding source targets assistance for moderate-income first time homebuyers, rental housing for low and very low income and the homeless.

Affordable housing projects require funding from multiple sources. We support this legislation and urge passage of Assembly Bill 239.

Sincerely,

Linda Craig, President  
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Cc: Trudy Schafer, LWV of California