



AFFORDABLE HOUSING NETWORK
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Re: National Affordable Housing
Trust Fund

Honorable Ron Gonzales, Mayor,
Honorable City Council Members
San Jose City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Mayor and Council members:

Two years ago a bill was introduced into Congress to establish a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which would build and preserve 1.5 million units of rental housing affordable to the lowest income families. The San Jose City Council voted to support this measure, which would alleviate our serious housing shortage.

The bill was bottled up in Committee and never got to the floor of Congress. Since then a Housing Trust Fund has been proposed as part of a bill regulating Government Mortgage enterprises, (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac).

Opponents of a Housing Trust want to remove it from the legislation, (HR1461 and S.190).

Negotiations are now going on during the August recess to resolve the issue. We recommend that you support the inclusion of the Housing Trust in the mortgage reform bills, and inform the public of your action, so that people can in turn let their Senator, Representatives, and the White House know how they feel about this issue.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Ward, President