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Statement on Governor Newsom’s decision concerning The Housing Opportunities Act (SB 329)

The following statement can be attributed to Lisa Hershey, Executive Director:

“Today, Governor Newsom signed landmark legislation that takes a critical step on the pathway to a new vision of housing in our state. SB 329 is the beginning of a major shift in our state towards housing justice for every Californian. Today, we join 11 other states that have passed legislation to make sure everyone using housing assistance to find a home is treated with dignity. With the governor’s signature today, landlord discrimination based on source of income will be illegal, leveling the playing field so that everyone has a fair chance when applying for housing.

The bill’s passage would not have been possible without the leadership of Senator Holly Mitchell, who pushed through this vanguard policy to make sure every Californian can share in our state’s prosperity.

We thank Gov. Newsom for his support and our partners at the Western Center on Law & Poverty, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, the California Association of Housing Authorities, and the National Housing Law Project for their hard work.”

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