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## **Residents from Affordable Developments Statewide to Hand-Deliver Letters to Governor Brown Urging His Signature on Critical Housing Bills**

*Residents United Network letters ask governor to sign  
AB 35 (Chiu/Atkins) and AB 447 (Maienschein)*

Sacramento, CA – On Monday, October 5th, hundreds of residents statewide who live in homes and apartments built and managed by California's affordable-development community will drop off letters in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, asking Governor Brown to sign AB 35 (Chiu/Atkins) and AB 447 (Maienschein).

The statewide Residents United Network (RUN) -- which includes seniors, veterans, and working families -- is a growing force in California with a potential membership of more than one million. Its members met with legislators throughout the 2015 session to send a united message: **California must increase the supply of (and access to) affordable places to live. Failure to act now will put more Californians at risk of homelessness.** Now they are asking the governor to sign AB 35 and AB 447.

**What:** Residents who live in affordable developments (Sacramento and SF Bay Area) to hand-deliver hundreds of letters to Governor Brown asking him to sign bills to increase the supply of affordable places to live in California.

**Where:** California State Capitol -- West Steps (10th and L Street)

**When:** Monday, October 5, 2015

1:45 PM -- Meet on West Steps

2:00 PM -- Deliver letters to Governor's Office

**Why: AB 35** (Chiu / Atkins) expands on the proven success of the state housing tax credit program by investing an additional \$100 million in state housing tax credits for the next five years. This will enable private developers to create more than 3,000 homes, nearly 7,000 long-term jobs, and leverage \$1 billion in federal resources.

**AB 447** (Maienschein) would make it illegal for insurance companies to deny or terminate habitation insurance to a landlord or property owner simply because he/she rents to a person in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) or participates in a subsidized housing-assistance program. This bill will ensure that property owners who wish to rent to Californians trying to survive on modest budgets do not lose insurance coverage for doing so.

Available to Media:

- Constance Slider Pierre -- Residents United Network (RUN) / 916.606.8693

On Twitter:

- RUN and Housing California will also be tweeting to the Governor on October 5 using hashtags [#SignAB35](#) and [#SignAB447](#).

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The Residents United Network (RUN) engages affordable-home residents in the decisions that affect the health and stability of their lives and communities and harness people power as a political force in order to influence policy and budget decisions at the state, regional, and local level. RUN is comprised of affordable-home resident and community leaders, frontline resident staff, developers, and advocates, and is facilitated by Housing California and Center for Community Change). Learn more, and watch a 7-minute video on RUN: <http://www.housingca.org/#!/residents-united-network/c1afc>.

Housing California is the voice in the state Capitol for children, seniors, families, people experiencing homelessness, and everyone who needs a safe, stable affordable place to call home. [www.housingca.org](http://www.housingca.org)