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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB32

Dear House Committee On Housing and Homelessness:

This bill is quite concerning from a privacy standpoint and seems to make buying up affordable housing a lot easier for people who do not want to keep it affordable. Not only does this bill propose making affordable housing easier to find, but this also means it is easier to find the people accessing those services. From a domestic violence standpoint, this could put a lot of people at risk by displaying their housing on a public website. The public absolutely needs to know when affordable units are expiring and opportunity to buy should be afforded to anyone who wants it. However, this approach could possibly "out" people living in the low-income housing by posting the information publicly. Housing is a crucial part of someone's existence, but publicly posting their whereabouts could mean less people accessing the services rather than more. This information needs to be publicly available, but there are agencies that already handle that information and connect people to the services that get them housing. Bolstering those services and sharing the information transparently through localized resources means less public information while still being more transparent and resourceful.

How will privacy be maintained for low-income families?

Thank you,
Shelby