



September 18, 2019

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 68 (Ting) – Land use: accessory dwelling units – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters California supports measures to streamline the supply of safe, decent, adequate housing for all Californians. **Thus, we are writing to request your signature on AB 68 (Ting)**, a bill which would ease some of the barriers to building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). We believe that ADUs are an important means of accommodating future growth and encouraging infill development in existing neighborhoods.

The League supports policies that provide people with a decent home and a suitable living environment. We also support actions to provide affordable housing for all Californians. Existing ADUs have created an important source of housing for lower-income and very low-income households, as well as moderate-income households, often called the “missing middle.”

ADUs and Junior Accessory Units (JADUs), units that are contained within an existing home and are no more than 500 square feet, have surged in popularity in the last few years as state legislation has made them easier to build. However, some jurisdictions still impose restrictions that discourage them from being created. We believe that AB 68 will remove some of the remaining barriers, while still ensuring that ADUs are safe and healthy housing. Faster and more ministerial approvals will encourage homeowners to build ADUs.

In addition, we support ensuring that ADU ordinances passed by local jurisdictions comply with state law. Giving the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) the authority to evaluate compliance and notify the Attorney General of violations puts some teeth into compliance, as opposed to the current system of HCD simply receiving copies of newly-passed ADU ordinances. **The League of Women Voters of California strongly urges your signature on AB 68.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg
President