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Student HOMES Coalition Announces Formation and Co-Sponsorship of AB 1630

SACRAMENTO, CA - Today, the Student HOMES Coalition is proud to announce its co-sponsorship of AB 1630 (Garcia), the Student Housing Crisis Act of 2023. Co-Authors Assemblymembers Eduardo Garcia and Kevin McCarty spoke alongside Chair of the Student HOMES Coalition Zennon Ulyate-Crow, Government Relations Chair of the UC Student Association Michelle Andrews, Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Zachariah Wooden, and Policy Director for Generation Up Matt Aini about the importance of student housing to ensure educational success.

By providing a streamlined development process for student housing within 1,000 feet, or a 5 minute walk, of higher education institutions in California, this bill would reduce a substantial obstacle to the success of students, faculty, and staff at California colleges and universities. In addition, by creating incentives for student housing developers who make at least 20% of their





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units affordable, AB 1630 would reduce the financial burden on college students, faculty, and staff by reducing housing costs for those who need it the most while expanding access to higher education for all.

AB 1630 is co-sponsored by the Student HOMES Coalition, UC Student Association (UCSA), Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), and GENup. AB 1630 is authored by Asm. Eduardo Garcia and co-authored by Asm. Kevin McCarty.

"Access to affordable student housing should not be a barrier for students pursuing their education. We are honored to partner with the Student HOMES Coalition on this vital student-led legislative initiative to alleviate our student housing insecurity crisis," said Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.

"Students cannot achieve their degree if they are experiencing homelessness. At UC Santa Cruz, solar panels and window curtains cover the dozens of vehicles where students permanently live in parking lots on-campus. We cannot accept this unacceptable reality, and with AB 1630 we can have a serious impact on this humanitarian crisis." said Zennon Ulyate-Crow, Chair of the Student HOMES Coalition and a student at UC Santa Cruz.

"Across the UC system, an unimaginable number of students are being forced into unsustainable commutes or homelessness as a result of the lack of adequate and affordable housing options available near our campuses," said Michelle Andrews, UCSA Government Relations Chair and a student at UC Davis. "The UC Student Association is proud to co-sponsor AB 1630, which will alleviate the housing supply and affordability crises occurring around our campuses to ensure that students no longer have to struggle to find a place to live while pursuing their degree."

"As California's community colleges serve a population of students that is mostly low-income, many of whom live in communities with incredibly expensive costs and/or severely limited units, the importance of access to affordable, off-campus housing cannot be understated," said Zachariah Wooden, SSCCC Vice President of Legislative Affairs and a student at San Joaquin Delta College. "For too long community college students are assumed able to live comfortably in their communities and can pursue their educational career. With every 1 out of 5 community college students suffering housing insecurity, we know this is the opposite of reality. AB 1630 is the beginning of the solution to this problem, breaking the barriers for something as simple yet needed as affording somewhere to live."





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“The student housing crisis touches all points of a campus ecosystem and beyond,” said Matt Aini, a Policy Director for GENup and a UC Berkeley student. “Students aren’t just the learners in our college classrooms. They run some of the classes students take, help operate many of the campus facilities we enjoy, and prepare the food students eat on campus. Moreover, when our college communities face a critical housing shortage, our students are pitted against our most vulnerable community members just to live where they go to school.”

There is currently an extreme student and faculty housing shortage on California's college and university campuses. UCs only have beds for 35% of their enrolled students, and CSUs only have beds for 14% of their students. Only 12 out of 116 community colleges in California provide housing. As such, the majority of students at UCs, CSUs, and CCCs live off campus. Moreover, as many of California's biggest universities are in very high-cost housing markets, students often end up in substandard living conditions far away from campus – or worse, homeless.

The cost of housing not only makes a college education infeasible for many students, but it also makes it harder for college faculty and staff to support our world-renowned public education system as high housing costs push them further away from campus, leading to longer commutes and displacement. Especially near campuses we need to tackle the widespread gentrification and displacement that occurs. By building new homes for new students, we ensure that they are not displacing existing long-term residents.

The Student HOMES Coalition is proud to be a cosponsor of AB 1630, and is committed to advocating for the passage of this crucial piece of legislation.

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About the Student HOMES Coalition: The Student HOMES Coalition is a student-led collective of higher education advocacy organizations fighting for affordable, accessible, and abundant student Housing Opportunities for Maximizing Educational Success (HOMES). We believe that providing housing as a basic need and a human right allows students to holistically fulfill the vision of achieving a higher education, laying the groundwork for future access to opportunity.

***Legislative language is in the process of being amended.

