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**San Jose City Council**

City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Item 4.1 City Council Priority #7: Accessory Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program**

Dear Honorable Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® (SCCAOR) and our 6,000 members, I write in support of item 4.1 on today's City Council agenda.

SCCAOR thanks the Mayor, Council, and City staff's work to create this program. Legally permitting an ADU based on the building code from the year the ADU was constructed will maximize the effectiveness of the program. It is the perfect balance to reduce any health and safety risk for those living in the dwelling, while still expanding the City's stock of affordable housing.

Third party inspections and a self-assessment checklist will help streamline this program and maximize efficiency. It allows for valuable city staff time to focus on other Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement priorities. A reduction in permit and impact fees along with an inspection scope focused only on the ADU will mitigate concerns from housing providers.

These are all important aspects of the program to maximize compliance, thus creating a more accurate count of housing production for RHNA goals and ensuring a safe living environment for tenants.

Our association has consistently advocated for increasing the housing supply in the region through ADU production. ADUs are, and will continue to be, one of the most immediate solutions to ameliorating our region's housing crisis.

Regards,

Sandy Jamison  
President, Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®

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