
FW: Support for Adoption of AB 1033

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To: City Council <citycouncil@cityofsebastopol.gov>
Subject: Support for Adoption of AB 1033

Dear Mayor McLewis and Members of the Sebastopol City Council,

Thank you for your leadership and for starting 2026 right with the consideration of adopting AB 1033. I am writing today to express my strong support for AB 1033 and to encourage the City of Sebastopol to say yes to this important housing tool.

I am lifelong resident of Sonoma County and a mother of two adult children who, like many in their generation, cannot afford to live in the community where they were raised.

I have also served as a Board Member of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, where I experienced how difficult it is for workers to live and work in Sebastopol. Our local businesses and community are strained when housing is out of reach for the people who sustain them.

AB 1033 offers a thoughtful approach to our housing crisis by creating new homeownership opportunities for first-time buyers, seniors, and households looking to downsize. It allows homeowners to build long-term financial security by unlocking equity without selling their primary home, while supporting environmentally responsible infill housing that makes better use of existing homes, infrastructure, and neighborhoods. AB 1033 also advances Sebastopol's Housing Element and General Plan priorities in a way that is locally controlled, practical, and community-centered.

AB 1033 is a tool that will give Sebastopol greater flexibility to meet its housing goals while supporting individual prosperity and community resilience. It respects neighborhood character while responding to the very real needs of working families, seniors, and future generations.

Again, I thank you for your leadership and urge you to adopt AB1033 and help ensure Sebastopol remains a diverse, inclusive, and thriving community.

Sincerely,
Sonia Byck-Barwick