

June 6, 2023

Tasha Boerner, Member
California State Assembly
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 812

Dear Assemblymember Boerner:

On behalf of the City of Eureka and the Eureka City Council, I write in support of AB 812, which would allow a city or county to set aside 10% of any locally-required affordable housing units in cultural districts for artists.

The City of Eureka is the county seat of Humboldt County, California, and is the heart of the Redwood Coast. Eureka is the market and cultural center of a beautiful region surrounded by the world's tallest trees and rugged ocean landscapes. The City is known for its Victorian architecture and creative and welcoming culture. The City is also in need, as so many communities are, of affordable housing for artists.

The City of Eureka agrees with California Arts Advocates in supporting this bill:

"Surveys across California indicate the huge demand for affordable housing for artists. Keeping neighborhoods affordable to the culture bearers in our local communities and avoiding the displacement of artists protects our cultural heritage, and it creates robust economic zones. Without them, the special culture of the place leaves with them, dispersed and diluted. A cultural district is no longer a cultural district if those people who made it cannot afford to live and work there themselves."

For these reasons, the City of Eureka proudly supports AB 812. Thank you for considering our voice in this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Kim Bergel
Mayor
City of Eureka

