



Peace and Freedom Party of California

Legislative Committee

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May 21, 2019

Honorable David Chiu
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 94249-0017

Subject: AB 1482 (Chiu) Rent Caps

Support

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

I am writing on behalf of Peace and Freedom Party which first qualified for the ballot in California over 50 years ago. We represent poor people, especially those from ghettos and barrios, those without a voice and those without hope. California is the fifth largest economy in the world, yet the number of people living below the poverty level is staggering. A major reason that so many people live in poverty is the high cost of housing. Peace and Freedom Party has advocated for major changes in order to help our working class with free education, universal single payer health care, affordable housing, doubling the minimum wage and indexing it to the cost of living, and safe and secure jobs for all. Although it does not repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, as we would have liked, Peace and Freedom Party does support AB 1482 (Chiu) as a temporary stop gap measure to reduce the harm to renters from unlimited rent increases.

AB 1482 would prohibit a residential property owner from increasing the rent more than 5%, plus the cost of living, of the lowest rent from the previous 12 months, subject to specified conditions. This bill would exclude dormitories, deed-restricted affordable units, and units that have been issued a certificate of occupancy within the past ten years. It would also enable the owner of assisted housing developments once rental restrictions expire to establish the initial unassisted rental rate for units, after which the rent cap would apply.

For these and other reasons, Peace and Freedom Party of California supports AB 1482. If you have any questions regarding this bill, you may contact me at (916) 422-5395 or CTWeberVoters@att.net.

We urge members of the State Assembly to vote Yes on AB 1482.

Sincerely,

CT Weber

C. T. Weber
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