



# 2019 LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES FOR HOUSING

## **SB 329 (MITCHELL)**

### **DISCRIMINATION: HOUSING: SOURCE OF INCOME**

**PROBLEM:** Housing voucher holders regularly and openly denied opportunities to apply for rental units.

Rental postings regularly state, "NO SECTION 8," barring recipients of housing assistance from even submitting an application for much-needed housing.

#### **SOLUTION: SB 329**

Adds housing assistance as a protected source of income under California's Fair Employment and Housing Act, which means landlords can no longer refuse applications from families just because they receive housing assistance – giving those families the same chance to apply for housing as others.

## **AB 1482 (CHIU)**

### **TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2019: TENANCY: RENT CAPS**

**PROBLEM:** Renters wrongfully evicted and priced out of their homes.

In the midst of California's housing crisis, renters all over the state are experiencing dramatic rent increases and getting eviction notices with no stated reason.

#### **SOLUTION: AB 1482**

Limits annual rent increases to no more than five percent plus inflation, and requires just cause to evict tenants for most multifamily properties and some single-family properties that are at least 15 years old, and that are not protected by a local rent stabilization policy.

## **AB 960 (MAIENSCHIN)**

### **CALWORKS: HOMELESS ASSISTANCE**

**PROBLEM:** Families that receive housing assistance can't use it because they're required to secure their own lease.

CalWORKs provides temporary housing assistance for low-income families with children. The assistance is a very small dollar amount but requires the family to secure their own lease, which has proven impossible for the families who need it the most.

#### **SOLUTION: AB 960**

Allows CalWORKs program housing assistance to be used for shared housing.