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Dear Ms Wicks:

I am concerned about housing. The growing US wealth gap is nowhere more obvious than in the bay area and combined with our fraying safety net people are losing health care and housing. The hundred dollars per person per day spent to address homelessness in SF suggests a will to act yet reports find the problem increasing with Alameda particularly shocking both by the numbers and just from what I see on the street. The lack of housing and resulting prices are driving both homelessness and population flight. Right now some leaving SF are bringing interesting people and small companies over here to the east bay but we are making the same mistakes. For two years SB50 has been stalled by a combination of nimbyism and excessive local control which I have seen destroy other regional initiatives. SB50 is a clear case where state control would help.

Thank you for your leadership around housing including support for SB 50.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our sensible progressive policies.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson