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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Mr. Greg Larson • Ms. Sue Roth
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RESOLUTION #25-25
SUPPORT FOR AB 1021 AND AB 1381, ADVANCING EDUCATIONAL WORKFORCE
HOUSING SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, among the effects of California’s prolonged and intensifying housing shortage is its significant impact on the state’s educational workforce; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of the state’s 600,000 public school educators, both teachers and staff, find themselves unable to afford housing in the communities where they are employed; and

WHEREAS, the possibilities for improvement are significant, with research conducted by UC Berkeley’s Center for City and Schools and UC Los Angeles’ cityLAB demonstrating that there are over 7,000 California properties with potentially developable land of one acre or more—totaling 75,000 acres statewide—and more than half (61%) of these properties are located in LEAs where early career teachers face housing affordability challenges; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) and Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) have introduced AB 1021 in the California State Legislature, co-sponsored by the California School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi has also introduced AB 1381 to establish and fund a revolving loan account in the Office of the California State Treasurer to provide no-interest loans to local educational agencies, specifically school districts and county offices of education, to prepare feasibility studies for educational workforce housing projects; and

WHEREAS, AB 1021 would build upon the progress made by AB 2295 (Chapter 652, Statute of 2022), which established a framework for local educational agencies (LEAs) to pursue workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, AB 1021 enhances this foundation by expanding the number of LEA-owned sites eligible for residential development, particularly for small and rural LEAs that face unique challenges; and

WHEREAS, AB 1021 would also add LEA employee housing to an existing California Environmental Quality Act exemption for infill affordable housing projects on surplus school property and makes clarifying changes to the Government, Education, and Revenue and Taxation codes to provide more financial certainty for LEAs pursuing these projects; and

WHEREAS, AB 1381 would help to provide a critical tool for LEAs to begin the process of pursuing a workforce housing project, specifically helping LEAs across the state facing unprecedented workforce shortages, which are, in large part, influenced by the high cost of living in many areas of the state—most notably the high cost of housing; and

WHEREAS, by supporting LEAs to pursue and develop educational workforce housing, AB 1021 and AB 1381 will help school districts and county offices of education put their surplus land to work, creating workforce housing to help meet the needs of their students; and


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education is proud to support AB 1021 and AB 1381 and urges the Legislature and Governor to support these important measures that will help to address the state’s educational workforce shortage crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to pause support pending reconsideration by the Board should the legislation be substantially modified away from the Board’s intended support.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be shared with the California School Boards Association for transmittal to the California State Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this 26th day of June, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	Estrada, Larson, Roth, Van Allen, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Acosta, Sanchez



Edward Estrada, Board Vice-President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
County Superintendent of Schools