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## **LUCAS FRERICHS** Supervisor, Second District

March 3, 2026

The Honorable Christopher Cabaldon  
1021 O Street, Suite 7320  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 417 (Cabaldon), as amended on January 22, 2026  
Position: Support if Amended

Dear Senator Cabaldon:

I am writing in my capacity as Yolo County Supervisor for District 2 to express my support of the author's leadership in confronting California's housing crisis. We recognize SB 417, the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, as a vital step forward. However, we respectfully urge that this measure be amended to include public higher education institutions—particularly the University of California and California State University systems—as eligible recipients of bond funding for housing.

Through my role as a Yolo County Supervisor, I work to ensure our communities are healthy and thriving. My district includes the campus of the University of California at Davis (UC Davis), and I see firsthand how the statewide housing shortage affects not only students but also our local residents, businesses, and employers. When students are unable to access affordable housing on or near campus, they compete for scarce rental units in our neighborhoods. This drives up costs, strains our local housing market, and creates tension between students and long-term residents.

Investing in dedicated student housing is a practical and proven way to alleviate this pressure. Public universities have the land, infrastructure, and expertise to build quickly and efficiently, creating deeply affordable housing for students while freeing up units in our community for working families. These projects also support local economies by generating good-paying construction jobs and reducing commuter traffic and emissions.

Excluding higher education from the housing bond framework would be a missed opportunity at a time when California cannot afford to overlook all housing solutions. We share responsibility for housing our residents and advancing solutions that balance student growth with community stability. Including public higher education in the bond would give our campuses the tools to meet their housing obligations while easing

demand in surrounding neighborhoods – a win for students, local residents, and the state’s housing goals alike.

If amended to include dedicated funding for student housing at public colleges and universities, it would send a clear message that California values its students as part of the solution to the housing crisis and our shared economic prosperity.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to ensure California’s housing solutions include our students. Together, we can address California’s housing crisis comprehensively and equitably. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lucas Frerichs".

Lucas Frerichs  
Yolo County Supervisor  
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