

SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR SENATE OFFICES

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Hello, can I speak to _____

My name is *your name* and I am calling on behalf of *your organization*

(you may provide a one or two sentence description of your organization)

I am calling the Senator today to urge her support for funding and measures in the economic stimulus proposals being discussed today in the Senate that will provide investment in affordable homes.

California's housing crisis is intensifying with the economic downturn and the foreclosure crisis. More families than ever are in desperate need of rental homes they can afford. Affordable home developers such as ours are poised to meet the needs of low-income families and generate jobs that will stimulate economic growth.

(make sure to include everything in **BOLD**)

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We urge your support for the proposal for a tax credit exchange program included in The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act (Section 1711). This innovative approach will give the allocating agencies the flexibility they need to make the best use of available 9% credits.

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Additionally, as the Senate begins marking up The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act, we urge you to push for the addition of the following three measures as well:

- 1. \$5 billion in gap financing for hundreds of stalled 2008 Low Income Housing Tax Credit and wait-listed Section 202 and 811 developments that will not be saved by the proposed Treasury program to allow exchanges of 2009 Tax Credits for cash grants.**
- 2. Funding for 200,000 incremental vouchers to provide an immediately available safety net for families losing their jobs and homes.**
- 3. Seed funding for the National Housing Trust Fund.**

Can we count on our Senator's support for these measures? (WRITE DOWN RESPONSE & EMAIL TO rdhondrup@scanph.org) Thank you for considering our request.