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California Chapter

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The Honorable Governor Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: SIGNATURE REQUEST FOR AB 2299 (BLOOM) – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCES

Dear Governor Brown:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests your signature on AB 2299. This bill makes various changes to accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinances and removes parking restrictions in previous versions of the bill that APA originally opposed.

APA California supports the use of ADU's as a source of affordable housing and was pleased to work with Assembly Member Bloom to remove earlier language restricting parking requirements for ADU units if they were located near "transit or shopping", both of which were left undefined. This bill now returns parking standards to existing law, which allows flexibility for jurisdictions to plan appropriately in their communities. The bill still encourages and eases the ability to build these units and will serve as one of the many tools needed to help solve the affordable housing crisis that California is facing.

We applaud Assembly Member Bloom's efforts on this issue and would strongly urge your signature on AB 2299. If you have any questions, please contact APA California's lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia lauren@stefangeorge.com at Stefan/George Associates (916) 443-5301.

Sincerely,

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