



March 19, 2018

Assembly Member Berman
State Capitol, Room 6011
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR AB 1804 (BERMAN) – CEQA INFILL EXEMPTION FOR COUNTIES** – in Assembly Natural Resources Committee – April 9th

Dear Assembly Member Berman:

APA California is pleased to support AB 1804, your bill that would allow urbanized counties to use the existing categorical infill exemption for projects that meet the existing conditions that qualify for the exemption.

APA California believes urbanized counties should be able to take advantage of the Class 32 exemption to encourage infill projects in largely developed portions of the county over greenfield development. These county infill projects will have to meet the same requirements that city infill projects must meet to be eligible for this exemption: the project has to be consistent with the general plan and zoning; the project site can be no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; the site has no value as habitat; the project would not pose a significant effect on traffic, noise, air or water quality; the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services; and the project is subject to the CEQA exceptions for specific environmental impacts. This is also consistent with the goals of SB 375.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 443-5301, lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

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