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Senator Jackson  
State Capitol, Room 2032  
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT IF AMENDED FOR SB 1035 (JACKSON) – CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES WITHIN THE GENERAL PLAN** – in Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Dear Senator Jackson:

APA California would be pleased to support SB 1035, if amended. This bill would require, the planning agency to review and, if necessary, revise the safety element upon each revision of the housing element to identify new information relating to flood and fire hazards and climate adaptation and resiliency strategies applicable to the city or county that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element.

APA California supports of the goals of your bill, especially given California's devastating fires and flooding in 2017. Local governments must continue to learn from and plan for potential environmental impacts to ensure the safety of our residents. We also supported previous legislation you carried on this issue. We would however recommend an amendment to SB 1035 to allow for initial review of the safety element within four years of adoption and updates every eight years thereafter OR upon revision of the housing element (as the bill currently states). This will allow jurisdictions more flexibility to ensure the goals of the bill are accomplished in a way that works best for each jurisdiction.

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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