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California Chapter

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Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Room 5114 - State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Notice of Support
Local Government Financing for Affordable Housing and
Infrastructure

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter is pleased to support your ACA 1. ACA 1 will lower the voter threshold to 55% to approve local general obligation bonds and special taxes for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects.

This is an important step to provide a stable source of local funding for affordable housing and, importantly, to buy down the infrastructure costs for housing. Currently, one of the major obstacles to building housing particularly in infill areas is the cost of critical infrastructure, which often neither the developer or the city or county has the money to fund.

This will also afford cities and counties with a similar vote requirement that the state and school districts already have. Cities and counties need resources to help the state meet its housing goals. Without additional funding, there simply is not enough money to finance affordable and in many cases even moderate-income housing in many areas.

If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Sande George, with Stefan/George Associates, sgeorge@stefangeorge.com, 916-443-5301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric S. Phillips'.

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