



April 8, 2019

Assembly Member Laura Friedman
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR AB 1717 (FRIEDMAN) – TRANSIT ORIENTED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING PROGRAM**

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support for your bill, AB 1717, which will create the Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Funding Program. This bill will create opportunities for local governments to develop mixed-income housing units targeted to meet the demand of a neighborhood, expanding the supply of lower cost units in areas where market rate units are traditionally built.

APA California is supportive of increasing housing development and density near transit. As California continues to face a severe housing crisis, more tools are needed to encourage affordable housing near transit. This will both benefit those who live in these developments and will help reduce VMTs. Furthermore, funding for affordable housing projects is desperately needed and APA California appreciates your efforts on this issue.

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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cc: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, the
Governor, OPR, Republican Caucus

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