



April 16, 2019

Assembly Member Salas
State Capitol, Room 4016
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR AB 490 (SALAS) – AFFORDABLE HOUSING
STREAMLINING**

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support for your bill, AB 490. The bill would allow streamlined judicial review for affordable housing projects that contain 25-50% affordable housing units, in areas where the 10% or more of the population is considered severely housing cost burdened.

As California continues to face an unprecedented housing crisis, APA California supports efforts to streamline housing development and encourage affordable housing to be developed. APA California would suggest that the cap designated in the bill (50%) be removed from the bill, so that the bill only specify the minimum threshold. As currently drafted, the 50% threshold would keep 100% affordable projects from benefitting from this bill's provisions, and we believe streamlining efforts should encourage larger affordable projects when feasible.

APA California appreciates your efforts on this important 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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