April 15, 2019

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

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR AB 670 (FRIEDMAN) – ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, AB 670, which would allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to be developed on properties within a homeowner association (HOA).

APA California is supportive of ADUs as a tool to help combat the housing crisis Californians are facing. Since the passage of AB 2299 and SB 1069 (2016), ADU permits have substantially increased and have added to California’s housing stock. Unfortunately, many HOA’s have restrictions on ADUs that have hindered their development. Because many California’s single family properties are within an HOA, it’s important that barriers be removed for ADUs in these type of developments.

We appreciate your efforts on this issue and 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