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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF SUPPORT AS AMENDED – AB 831 – GRAYSON  
SB 35 CLEANUP

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The American Planning Association, California Chapter, has taken a support as amended position on AB 831. AB 831 provides a number of cleanup provisions to SB 35. We appreciate the sponsor’s willingness to work with us on the language and believe the changes in the bill are warranted.

APA appreciates that the author plans to include a recent amendment suggested by the League of California Cities on page 19, (3) (A) to clarify the process to approve public improvements for SB 35 projects. The amendment requires that the local government or district evaluate whether to approve the public improvement in the same manner as it would evaluate public improvements required by any project, not adopt or impose any requirement that applies to a project solely or partially on the basis that the project is eligible to receive ministerial or streamlined approval, and not unreasonably delay its consideration, review or approval of the application. This is a clearer determination and would replace the undefined “inhibit, chill or preclude the development” language in the existing version of the bill which is not well suited to public improvements, which are required based on the specific infrastructure needs of a given project.

APA appreciates your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Sande George, with Stefan/George Associates, [sgeorge@stefangeorge.com](mailto:sgeorge@stefangeorge.com), 916-443-5301.