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**California Chapter**

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July 31, 2020

Assembly Member Phil Ting  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **Support for AB 69 (Ting) – Assistance with ADU Financing Through the Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program** – In Senate Housing Committee

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, AB 69. AB 69 would require the California State Treasurer's Office to create the Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program with the purpose of assisting homeowners in qualifying for loans to construct additional housing units on their property, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs).

APA California supports the development of ADUs and JADUs as one of the many tools needed to encourage housing development, particularly at a time when California continues to face an unprecedented housing crisis, compounded by the recent and ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. While ADU and JADU development has substantially increased over the past few years, some homeowners with lower income or fewer assets may find traditional financing challenging. By providing bridge loans to finance ADU and JADU construction until homeowners qualify for existing loan programs, AB 69 will help spur these types of development. ADUs and JADUs can help homeowners generate additional rental income while also providing additional housing, which is desperately needed.

We applaud your efforts on this important 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](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com).

Sincerely,

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

Eric Phillips  
Vice President Policy and Legislation  
APA California

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Senate Housing Committee  
Senate Republican Caucus  
The Governor  
The Office of Planning and Research