



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

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March 15, 2021

Senator Susan Eggman  
State Capitol, Room 4052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for SB 621 (Eggman) Streamlining for Conversations of Hotels and Motels**

Dear Senator Eggman:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, SB 621, which would provide a streamlined process for converting hotels and motels into permanent multifamily housing with a specified percentage of units affordable to lower-income households.

APA California supported your proposal in 2020 and is pleased to see this bill back again this year. Importantly, our organization is also appreciative that the bill was reintroduced with language specifically requested by APA California in the 2020 that made a number of clarifications and also ensured the bill would not override existing local ordinances where a higher percentage of affordability is required than what is required under this bill.

As California continues to face an unprecedented housing crisis, compounded by the recent and ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, APA California supports efforts to streamline and encourage housing development and 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](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Phillips' with a long, sweeping underline.

Eric Phillips  
Vice President Policy and Legislation  
APA California

cc: Senate Housing Committee  
Senate Republican Caucus  
The Governor  
The Office of Planning and Research  
The Department of Housing and Community Development