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California Chapter

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Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Support for ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local Government Financing for Affordable Housing and Infrastructure

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter is pleased to support ACA 1, which would amend the California Constitution, subject to approval by voters at a statewide election, to allow a city, county, or special district, with 55% voter approval, to incur bonded indebtedness or impose specified special taxes to fund projects for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure.

This is an important step to provide a stable source of local funding for affordable housing and, importantly, to buy down the infrastructure costs for housing. Currently, one of the major obstacles to building housing particularly in infill areas is the cost of critical infrastructure, which often neither the developer or the city or county has the finances to fund.

This will also afford cities and counties with a similar vote requirement that the state and school districts already have. APA California appreciates your dedication to this important issue as cities and counties need resources to help the state meet its housing goals. Without additional funding, there simply is not enough money to finance affordable and in many cases even moderate-income housing in many areas.

If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia, with Stefan/George Associates at lauren@stefangeorge.com

Sincerely,

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

Eric Phillips
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