



American Planning Association
California Chapter

Creating Great Communities for All

March 5, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT SUPPORT FOR SB 290 (SKINNER) Density Bonus Law Benefits for Moderate-Income and Lower-Income Student Housing Units

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, SB 290, which provides additional Density Bonus benefits for moderate-income units and lower income student housing units.

APA California supports efforts to streamline and encourage housing development, particularly in a time when California continues to face an unprecedented housing crisis, compounded by the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. APA supports providing higher density and other benefits in exchange for higher levels of affordability in projects, including moderate-income units and student units, similar to enhanced density bonus ordinances adopted and working successfully in many cities and counties around the state.

Finally, since SB 290 has been re-introduced from your bill last year, SB 1085 (2020), we appreciate that a number of amendments specifically worked on with our organization remain in the bill this year. If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia with Stefan/George Associates, lauren@stefangeorge.com, 916-443-5301.

Sincerely,

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

Eric Phillips
Vice President Policy and Legislation
APA California

cc: Senate Governance and Finance Committee
 Senate Housing Committee
 Senate Republican Caucus
 The Governor
 The Office of Planning and Research