



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

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April 26, 2021

Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **Support for AB 491 (Gonzalez) Affordable Housing - Access to Amenities in Multi-Family Developments**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, AB 491, which would require that new mixed-income multifamily developments offer the same access to common entrances and amenities to occupants of the affordable housing units in the structure as is provided to occupants of the market-rate housing units. The bill would also prohibit developments from isolating the affordable housing units within the structure to a specific floor or an area on a specific floor.

APA California support policies and programs that advance inclusiveness and provide for the fair treatment of all people. Ensuring that multifamily properties provide occupants of affordable units the same access to amenities in housing developments, regardless of the affordability covenant, will provide equitable housing opportunities for low-income residents in California. 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.

Sincerely,

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

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