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California Chapter

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The Honorable Speaker Pro Tem Toni Atkins
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT FOR SB 1 (ATKINS) – The California Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act of 2021**

Dear Senator Atkins:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, SB 1, which would establish the California Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act of 2021 and creates a new program at the Ocean Protection Council to help coordinate and fund state and local efforts to prepare for sea level rise.

California's communities are facing several challenges related to impacts from climate change. From extreme heat, wildfires, flooding and sea level rise, coordinated mitigation is needed to better prepare communities. APA California believes your bill provides for an important and comprehensive program to assess and mitigate sea level rise and to assist local governments to provide more resilience in coastal communities as they will inevitably face challenges from sea level rise. We appreciate all your efforts on this issue and are pleased to support SB 1. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, lauren@stefangeorge.com, APA California's lobbyist.

Sincerely,

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cc: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
Assembly Republican Caucus
The Governor
The Office of Planning and Research