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California Chapter

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The Honorable Senator Scott Wiener
1021 O Street, Room 6630
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for SB 922 (Wiener) – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption for Sustainable transportation Projects

Dear Senator Wiener:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your bill, SB 922, which builds upon your previous efforts in SB 288 from 2020. Importantly, SB 922 would remove the sunset date provide in SB 288 for sustainable transportation projects applicable to the provisions of the statute. In addition, the bill will provide important clarity for implementation purposes and stronger protections for risks against displacement, among many other changes.

APA California is a non-profit organization made up of practicing planners, citizens and public officials committed to advancing the practice of local, regional, and statewide planning throughout urban, suburban, and rural California. Our organization supports efforts to create sustainable communities that help meet California's overall climate goals. Likewise, APA California is supportive of the streamlining offered in SB 922 to develop sustainable transportation projects at a time when it is critical to address greenhouse gas emissions in our communities, particularly those from the transportation sector. We appreciate your efforts on this important issue and if you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, lauren@stefangeorge.com, APA California's lobbyist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Phillips' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Phillips
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cc: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
The Governor
The Office of Planning and Research