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### **National APA Policy Priorities Announced as California's Legislative Session Begins**

APA has defined its federal policy priorities for 2022 as focusing on [implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#), creating housing opportunities through [zoning reform](#), and planning for [climate change adaptation and mitigation](#). You can watch a short message from [APA President, Leo Asuncion](#), on these important priorities.

At home here in California, these three priorities continue to resonate in our work with the Legislature. The Governor and state lawmakers have identified policies and budget items to address homelessness and the housing crisis as well as aggressive steps to address climate change. The deadline to introduce bills is approaching in mid-February, and we will work to identify priority legislative efforts in these areas once this date passes.

To help shape our state advocacy efforts, APA California has a Board approved Legislative Platform, titled "[Plan California](#)", which is updated at the start of every two-year legislative session. The Platform outlines positions on priority issues and serves as the guiding document for the Chapter's lobbying efforts in the Legislature. The Platform can also be used as the framework for local advocacy efforts by APA California Sections. While the Chapter does not take positions or advocate for or against local planning issues, this does not preclude individual Sections from getting involved in such issues consistent with the Platform.

We are excited to embark on what is likely to be another productive year both at the state and federal level.

### **Join the APA California Legislative Review Team**

The APA California Legislative Review Team will be meeting on March 10 to review all planning-related bills introduced by the bill introduction deadline. If you would like to join the Legislative Review Team for the 2022 Legislative Session, please fill out the registration [form](#).

The APA California Legislative Review Team is open to all current APA California members. The Legislative Review Team helps to provide expertise and professional opinions to the APA California Vice President for Policy & Legislation and Chapter lobbyist to help shape APA California positions on planning topics and specific proposals in the California State Legislature and state agency regulations.