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**California Chapter**

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2234 (Rivas) Signature Request**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests that you sign AB 2234, which would require several changes to streamline the process of postentitlement permits for housing developments. Specifically, the bill requires a local agency to post information related to postentitlement phase permits for housing development projects, process those permits in a specified time period depending on the size of the housing development and establish a digital permitting system if the local agency meets a specific population threshold.

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. As the state continues to face a severe housing crisis with a substantial shortage of affordable housing in particular, our organization is supporting several efforts that help to streamline housing developments within the framework of existing standards and plans. We also support creating reasonable expectations for the timely processing of housing development permits that ensure predictability and efficiencies both for developers and for planning staff. To that end, starting with a well informed and complete application will help planners as they work to meet these new timelines prescribed in the bill.

We appreciate your dedication to this issue and respectfully request your signature on AB 2234. If you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, APA California's lobbyist, at [lauren@stefangeorge.com](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com).

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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APA California