

Creating Great Communities

August 31, 2022

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

RE: AB 2334 (Wicks) Signature Request

Dear Governor Newsom:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests that you sign AB 2334, which would allow a housing development project in specified counties to receive added height and unlimited density if the project is located in an urbanized very low vehicle travel area, at least 80 percent of the units are restricted to lower income households, and no more than 20 percent are for moderate income households.

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 in addition to supporting desperately needed housing development, particularly affordable housing. Additionally, our organization supports higher densities in infill/growth areas linked to transit, which is why we are pleased to support this bill. AB 2334 builds upon changes in Density Bonus statute provided under AB 1763 (Chiu, 2019) by allowing all 100% affordable housing developments near transit to qualify for an enhanced density bonus if the development is also located in designated low vehicle travel areas. We believe this enhancement will increase the supply of affordable infill development, which supports California's climate and housing goals.

We appreciate your dedication to this issue and respectfully request your signature on AB 2334. If you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, APA California's lobbyist, at lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

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