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

RE: AB 682 (Bloom) Signature Request

Dear Governor Newsom:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests that you sign AB 682, which would expand the state's Density Bonus Law to allow shared housing developments, which may also include other types of developments and/or commercial uses, to qualify for benefits under the law, if certain affordability requirements are met.

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 higher densities in urban areas with a range of housing types and has supported several changes to the Density Bonus Law over the last few years. As the state continues to face a severe housing crisis with a substantial shortage of affordable housing in particular, the Legislature has passed several laws to streamline the development of ADUs, duplexes, and expand options under the Density Bonus Law. APA California believes that incentivizing additional types of housing developments, like shared housing, will create another important tool to help California provide more solutions to address the housing crisis.

We appreciate your dedication to this issue and respectfully request your signature on AB 682. If you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, APA California's lobbyist, at lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Phillips'.

Eric Phillips
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APA California