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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: SB 922 (Wiener) Signature Request**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) respectfully requests that you sign SB 922, which builds upon previous efforts in SB 288 (Wiener) [Chapter 200, Statutes of 2020]. Importantly, SB 922 would modify and extend the statutory exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for clean transportation projects, established by SB 288. In addition, the bill will provide 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 Senator Wiener's efforts on this important issue and respectfully request your signature on SB 922. If you have any questions please contact Lauren De Valencia, [lauren@stefangeorge.com](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com), APA California's lobbyist.

Sincerely,

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

Eric Phillips  
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