



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

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April 12, 2023

The Honorable Assemblymember David Alvarez  
1021 O Street, Room 5320  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 1449 (Alvarez) Affordable Housing: California Environmental Quality Act: exemption projects - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Alvarez:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your AB 1449, which would facilitate the development of affordable housing by exempting from CEQA certain 100% affordable housing projects throughout California.

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 adopted in APA California's Legislative Platform, *Plan California*, our organization is supportive of efforts that provide streamlining for housing, encouraging the use of CEQA solely for its intended purposes, while eliminating CEQA abuse.

As California continues to face a severe housing crisis, especially as it relates to affordable housing, our organization has supported many streamlining efforts that the Legislature has considered and passed over the last several years and believes this bill will provide another tool necessary to continue to work towards meeting the state's affordable housing goals. We appreciate your work on this important issue and for the reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support AB 1449. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 916 443-5301, [lauren@stefangeorge.com](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ED'.

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cc: Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Assembly Republican Caucus  
The Governor  
The Office of Planning and Research  
The Department of Housing and Community Development