



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

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The Honorable Assemblymember Ash Kalra  
1021 O Street, Room 4610  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 770 (Kalra) Residential care facilities for the elderly - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Kalra:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your AB 770, which would amend the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act to expand the number of individuals they can serve by removing the six-bed cap in the California code. This change would ensure that residential facilities with rooms and space consistent with Department of Social Services regulations and standard building codes could expand their operations to provide housing and services to more residents within existing housing supply.

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 minimize constraints to housing production.

As California continues to face a severe housing crisis there are many necessary tools that are needed at the local level to address. And with a growing population of people experiencing homelessness that includes an increased number of older adults, we believe AB 770 will help to ease barriers to provide more housing and services to this vulnerable population without jeopardizing health and safety, given these facilities will still need to meet existing building code requirements, licensing, space, and staffing standards.

For these reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support AB 770. 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,

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