



American Planning Association
California Chapter

Creating Great Communities for All

April 12, 2023

The Honorable Assemblymember Laura Friedman
1021 O Street, Room 5740
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 894 (Friedman) Parking requirements: shared parking – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your AB 894, which would require public agencies to allow underutilized parking spaces to be shared with the public, a private entity, or other users and allow those shared parking spaces to count toward parking requirements in specified circumstances.

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 support flexible parking standards to facilitate infill development.

To meet the state's ambitious climate and housing goals, several strategies will need to be explored both at the state and local level. And as research has shown, unused parking exists throughout California, particularly as the pandemic has shifted behavioral patterns related to online retail and work from home options that have created an additional parking surplus. Allowing shared parking options to avoid creating unnecessary new parking is one strategy to support better land use policies, mitigate impacts to development costs, and create more sustainable communities.

We appreciate your dedication to this important issue and for the reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support AB 894. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 916 443-5301, lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

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

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