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The Honorable Senator Anna Caballero  
1021 O Street, Room 7620  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: SB 225 (Caballero) Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program: statewide contract – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Caballero:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your SB 225, which would establish the Community Anti-Displacement and Preservation Program (CAPP) to provide funding for the acquisition and rehabilitation of unrestricted housing units while attaching long-term affordability restrictions to prevent the displacement of current residents.

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 preserve and rehabilitate existing housing stock and to protect and provide resources to prevent and discourage displacement.

As the Legislature continues to discuss options to address the housing crisis, it is important to preserve existing "naturally affordable" unsubsidized housing, which is at risk of disappearing with overall low housing inventory and increased demand. SB 225 can provide a critical tool to preserve this type of housing, which is privately owned and can be more affordable than market rate options. Providing guidance, technical assistance, and other resources to local jurisdictions, nonprofits, or other community developers that wish to acquire unsubsidized housing and convert them to long-term affordable units offers another resource as the state continues to face a severe housing crisis.

For these reasons, APA California is pleased to support SB 225 and appreciates your efforts on this issue. 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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