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The Honorable Scott Wiener
1021 O Street, Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: SB 83 Public utilities: postentitlement phase permit applications: new construction - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wiener,

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your SB 83, which would set clear timelines for Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) to complete necessary interconnection work after a project has been completed necessary post-entitlement permit review by a local jurisdiction.

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 to minimize constraints to housing production and general project approval.

Our organization has supported past efforts to streamline the post-entitlement permit processing for housing developments (AB 2234, Rivas, 2022), which among other changes, provides timelines and certainty to the application process not only for a developer, but also for a local jurisdiction. After a project receives zoning and entitlement approvals, IOUs work with local governments to provide building permit review and requests to provide temporary power before providing interconnection when a project is has received the necessary permits and is authorized to move forward with interconnection or is "green tagged". While local jurisdictions have worked to streamline the post entitlement phase of housing projects and provide streamlining for many other important types of projects, it's equally important that review and response from IOUs do not delay residential, commercial, industrial, and energy infrastructure that help advance the state's climate and housing goals. These delays can be extremely costly and delay the state in meeting these important goals.

For the reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support SB 83. 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,

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cc: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
Senate Republican Caucus
The Governor