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The Honorable Senator Catherine Blakespear  
1021 O Street, Room 7340  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: SB 511 (Blakespear) SB 511, as amended. Greenhouse gas emissions inventories – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Blakespear:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your SB 511, which will direct the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventories for any city, county, or city and county that requests it and to update these inventories every five years upon.

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 encourage planning strategies to reduce carbon emissions and facilitate adaptations to the effects of climate change that are effective and equitable.

While CARB currently updates inventories of statewide GHG emissions, there is no such requirement to do so at the local level. CARB's 2022 Scoping Plan identifies actions that local communities will need to take to meet the state's ambitious climate goals. Many local governments are working hard to prepare and implement climate action plans and other related efforts to reduce emissions, yet many jurisdictions lack the resources and/or technical expertise needed to compile and periodically update individual GHG emission inventories. Providing consistent and periodically updated inventories will assist local agencies in developing better informed strategies and plans to meet these important goals while also freeing up resources to focus on mobilizing action and implementation at the local level.

For these reasons, APA California is pleased to support SB 511 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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