



American Planning Association
California Chapter

Creating Great Communities for All

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Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
1020 N Street, Room 6350
Sacramento, California 95814

**SUBJECT: ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) Local Government Financing for Affordable Housing and Infrastructure
– SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter is pleased to support ACA 1, which would amend the California Constitution, subject to approval by voters at a statewide election, to allow a city, county, or special district, with 55% voter approval, to incur bonded indebtedness or impose specified special taxes to fund projects for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure.

This is an important step to provide a stable source of local funding for affordable housing and, importantly, to buy down the infrastructure costs for housing. Currently, one of the major obstacles to building housing, particularly in infill areas is the cost of critical infrastructure, which often neither the developer or the city or county has the finances to fund.

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 provide local resources to fund affordable housing and infrastructure in communities throughout the state. We appreciate your dedication to this important issue as cities and counties continue to need resources to help the state meet its housing goals. If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia, with Stefan/George Associates at lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be '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