



American Planning Association  
**California Chapter**

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April 20, 2024

The Honorable Mark Berman  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 8130  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 2199 (Berman) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential or mixed-use housing projects– SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Berman:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your AB 2199, which would extend the January 1, 2025, sunset on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for multi-family residential and mixed-use housing projects on infill sites in unincorporated areas established by AB 1804 (Berman), Chapter 670, Statutes of 2018, to January 1, 2035.

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 minimize constraints to housing production.

APA California was pleased to support AB 1804 in 2018 and to support the extension of this exemption. We believe that urbanized counties should be able to take advantage of the Class 32 exemption to encourage infill projects in largely developed portions of the county over greenfield development. These county infill projects will have to meet the same requirements that city infill projects must meet to be eligible for this exemption and are consistent with the goals of SB 375.

We appreciate your dedication to this important issue, and for all the reasons listed above, are pleased to support AB 2199. If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia, with Stefan/George Associates at [lauren@stefangeorge.com](mailto:lauren@stefangeorge.com).

Sincerely,

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

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cc: The Governor  
The Office of Planning and Research  
The California Department of Housing and Community Development