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The Honorable Senator Anna Caballero
California State Senate
1021 O Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 1140 (Caballero) Enhanced infrastructure financing district – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your SB 1140, which would make several changes to the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFD) noticing and formation processes and expands the type of projects that districts can finance to include projects that improve air quality.

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 financing resources to fund affordable housing and infrastructure in communities throughout the state that will help address our housing and climate crisis.

SB 1140 will improve the creation of EIFDs by streamlining the formation process and noticing requirements, which can delay or create burdens to their development. Many local governments lack the resources and capacity needed to successfully form these type of districts and APA California encourages the Legislature to continue to look at ways to refine and build on existing financing tools, like EIFDs. These important noticing changes that SB 1140 provides will assist local governments who are interesting in forming districts to provide desperately needed financing for infrastructure maintenance, housing development, economic development, infrastructure, and climate adaptation, among other financing opportunities. Removing these burdens, in addition to expanding the types of projects that EIFDs can finance to include those that improve air quality are important changes that will help grow the success of these types of local financing programs.

For these reasons, APA California is pleased to support SB 1140 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.

Sincerely,

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

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