



American Planning Association
California Chapter

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The Honorable Pilar Schiavo
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Speaker Robert Rivas
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 301 (Schiavo) Planning and zoning: housing development projects: postentitlement phase permits: state departments. – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Schiavo and Speaker Rivas:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your AB 301, which would establish specific timeframes for all state agencies involved in postentitlement reviews and approvals for housing developments throughout the state.

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, including state constraints.

Just as our organization supported AB 2234 (R. Rivas 2022), which required all local agencies to process housing development permits in specified timeframes and provide related information online, we believe state agencies should also be held to the same standard. This will create reasonable expectations for the timely processing of housing development permits that require agency review and ensures the state is responding to meeting the needs that this housing crisis demands, just as local governments are working hard to do.

For all the reasons listed above, are pleased to support AB 301. If you have any questions, please contact our lobbyist, Lauren De Valencia, with Stefan/George Associates at lauren@stefangeorge.com.

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cc: The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
The Governor's Office
The Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
The California Department of Housing and Community Development