



American Planning Association
California Chapter

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The Honorable Assemblymember Juan Carrillo
1021 O Street, Room 5610
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 417 (Carrillo) Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts: community revitalization and investment authorities. – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to **support** your AB 417, which would make several changes Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) and Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs) to further streamline various administrative processes and provides other important clarifications with both laws.

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.

Given many local governments lack the resources and capacity needed to successfully form EIFDs and CRIAs, APA California encourages the Legislature to continue to look at ways to refine and build on existing financing tools. Removing obstacles will help grow the success of these types of local financing programs is critical to provide a steady source of revenue for infrastructure needed to support communities throughout the state.

We appreciate your dedication to this important issue and for the reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support AB 417. 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 that reads 'Reuben Duarte'.

Reuben Duarte
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APA California

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