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To: The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814



**RE: AB 1568 (Bloom): Enhanced infrastructure financing districts – SUPPORT**



Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:



On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to register our support for AB 1568 (Bloom), which will create the Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvement Act of 2017 (NIFTI). We are a coalition of equity, housing, environmental, labor and local government groups that have come together to find workable solutions to California’s affordable housing shortage. We recognize that success in addressing the state’s housing challenges requires the application of numerous strategies, and to that end, we have worked together to develop a set of eight housing concepts (attached) that include several critical components for comprehensive housing reform .



AB 1568 is consistent with our housing concepts. It provides local jurisdictions with a voluntary tool to create a permanent source of funding for both affordable/workforce housing and the broader infrastructure necessary to increase affordable/workforce housing production. Specifically, this bill authorizes local jurisdictions to use new sales and use taxes, in addition to property tax increment, to finance infrastructure and affordable housing within qualifying districts. AB 1568 will usher in new opportunities for local governments and the private sector to work together to revitalize communities, create good jobs, and build affordable homes, while meeting the state’s landmark greenhouse gas reduction targets



For all these reasons, we urge your AYE vote on AB 1568.



Sincerely,



American Planning Association, California Chapter  
California League of Conservation Voters  
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
California State Association of Counties  
Council of Infill Builders  
Housing California  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Planning and Conservation League  
Public Advocates  
SF Council of Community Housing Organizations  
State Building and Construction Trades Council  
Western Center on Law & Poverty

