



March 15, 2023

The Honorable Laura Friedman
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 894: Shared Parking

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 894. This bill will enable better use of underutilized parking in order to reduce the cost burdens on new housing and businesses associated with excessive parking requirements.

AB 894 requires that public agencies allow underutilized parking spaces to be shared with other land uses and the public, and to count shared parking toward meeting parking requirements in specified circumstances. The bill also requires that shared parking strategies be considered when public funds are used for new development or new parking lots.

Without this action, some public agencies will continue to exacerbate housing, climate, and congestion challenges by requiring new parking spaces even where existing shared parking can address parking demand. Unnecessary parking consumes land and resources that could be better used to support more housing, jobs, services, and open space. It also encourages more single-occupant vehicle use which directly contradicts state climate and equity goals.

By requiring public agencies to allow excess parking to be shared and counted toward parking requirements, AB 894 will reduce circumstances where costly and space-intensive new parking construction is mandated, particularly when nearby existing parking is readily available for use.

For these reasons, the Council of Infill Builders strongly supports AB 894 and thanks you for your leadership in addressing this critical issue and promoting sustainable mobility, affordable housing and more livable communities.

Sincerely,

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Meea Kang
Council of Infill Builders