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TO: Members of the California State Senate

FROM:

American Planning Association, CA 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
Tenants Together
Western Center on Law & Poverty

RE: AB 1505 – Land use: zoning regulations

The above organizations urge your support for AB 1505 (Bloom). This bill will restore the long-standing authority of local governments to establish inclusionary housing requirements as a condition of the development of residential rental units.

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. AB 1505 is a critical component of any larger legislative package aimed at comprehensive reform to increase the supply and affordability of housing throughout the state.

AB 1505 will return to local governments the flexibility to require that affordable rental housing is included in new market rate housing developments. This is a vital tool for local governments, helping them to ensure that as their communities grow low-income residents are not excluded and displaced.

For all these reasons, we urge your AYE vote on AB 1505.