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#### Agenda Related Item(s) – ID17-1051 (4-B)

Contents of Supplement: Letter from California Apartment Association

#### Agenda Item Title

RESOLUTION – Opposing Senate Bill 35, the “Housing Accountability and Affordability Act”

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The Honorable Scott Wiener  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 4066  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 35 - Affordable Housing: Permit Streamlining – Support**

Dear Senator Wiener:

On behalf of the members of the California Apartment Association, we extend our continued support for SB 35, your bill that intends to streamline the developmental review process by establishing a ministerial approval process for certain types of housing developments.

As you know, California is in the midst of an unprecedented housing crisis caused by a severe lack of new housing construction at all levels of affordability. A major impediment to the construction of more housing is an overly burdensome local approval process and resistance by local no-growth advocates. In addition, excessive litigation through CEQA process significantly increases the time and costs of constructing new housing.

SB 35 will address our desperate need for housing by helping communities build more housing by moving approvals through the process more quickly. It seeks to expedite those projects that already conform to local planning and zoning laws. SB 35 is a creative solution to help address our housing shortage and address California's ongoing affordability crisis.

The California Apartment Association is the largest statewide rental housing trade association in the country, representing over 50,000 owners and property managers who are responsible for over 2 million rental units throughout the State of California. Thank you for your work with this important legislation.

Sincerely,

**CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION**

By  
Shant Apekian  
Vice President Public Affairs

cc: Members, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee  
Republican Caucus