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The Honorable Scott Wiener
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: SUPPORT: Senate Bill 35 (Wiener) – Affordable Housing; Streamlined

Dear Senator Wiener:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors unanimously supports your measure, Senate Bill (SB) 35, that would create a streamlined, ministerial approval process for infill developments in localities that have failed to meet their regional housing needs assessment numbers.

The Board appreciates your idea behind SB 35, and your amendment to the bill to exclude land zoned or designated for agricultural protection or preservation by a local measure voted and enacted by the people.

The Board's 2017 Legislative & Policy Platform endorses legislation that incentivizes the building of housing, like SB 35. Our primary concern is protecting our designated agricultural land. In 1968, the Napa County Board of Supervisors created the nation's first Agricultural Preserve. This designation was to ensure that Napa Valley's limited resources are preserved for agriculture first and foremost. In 1990 and again in 2008, the voters added further protection to agricultural lands and open spaces by requiring that any future intensification of use on those lands requires a vote of the people.

The Board again appreciates your effort to increase housing opportunities in California, and we are prepared to fully support SB 35, with your included amendments.

Sincerely,

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Alfredo Pedroza
Chairman, Napa County Board of Supervisors

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