

May 4, 2022

The Honorable Tim Grayson  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento CA 95814

**AB 2668 Planning and zoning: housing: streamlined, ministerial approval. - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Grayson:

On behalf of MidPen Housing Corporation, I write to express our strong support for your Assembly Bill 2668.

MidPen Housing is one of the nation's leading nonprofit developers, owners, and managers of high-quality, affordable housing and onsite resident services. Since MidPen was founded in 1970, we have developed over 100 communities and 8,000 homes for low-income families, seniors and those with supportive housing needs throughout Northern California.

AB 2668 provides essential clarification to SB 35 (Wiener) of 2017, the landmark housing approval streamlining measure, based on local experiences implementing the law.

Specifically, this legislation clarifies that a local government shall not determine that development conflicts with the objective planning standards because application materials are not included if the application contains enough information for a reasonable person to conclude that the development is consistent with said standards.

This narrow change is needed to ensure that SB 35 can work as intended by the Legislature, facilitating the timely construction of housing at all income levels to meet California's critical housing needs.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing the housing availability and affordability crisis in our state.

Sincerely,



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