



June 9, 2021

The Honorable Miguel Santiago
State Capitol, Room 6027
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1304 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Santiago:

The [California Housing Partnership](#) is proud to support AB 1304, your bill to ensure that cities and counties analyze their zoning patterns and adopt policies and programs to affirmatively further fair housing both within their jurisdiction and compared to their region.

The Partnership is a state-created private nonprofit technical assistance organization that creates and preserves affordable and sustainable homes for Californians with low incomes by providing expert financial and policy solutions to nonprofit and public partners. Since 1988, the Partnership's on-the-ground technical assistance, applied research, and legislative leadership has leveraged more than \$25 billion in private and public financing to preserve and create more than 75,000 affordable homes and to provide training to more than 30,000 people.

California's segregation patterns and the corresponding disparities in wealth, income, and opportunity based on race and ethnicity are a legacy of government action. AB 1304 builds on efforts to ensure that the state, cities, and counties are part of the solution. The bill ensures that each city and county, both in its housing funding and zoning activities, analyzes patterns of segregation and develops policies and actions to affirmatively further fair housing.

AB 1304 will help ensure that lower-income Californians have access to safe, stable, affordable places to call home in every community across the state.

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Thank you for authoring this important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stivers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Stivers" clearly legible.

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