



June 24, 2019

The Honorable Benjamin Allen
Chair, CA Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 68 (Ting et al) : Accessory Dwelling Units – SUPPORT

Senator Allen,

The Planning and Conservation League (PCL) writes to urge your support on AB 68 which will streamline, and ease barriers to, the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior Accessory dwelling units.

California is in a housing crisis, and, more specifically, a housing affordability crisis. ADUs are not only an important part of the spectrum of housing variety that is needed across California, ADUs are perhaps the most cost efficient and environmentally friendly way of adding housing stock that is affordable to both owners and renters.

ADU's can provide density, resource-efficient and transportation-efficient housing that is affordable in places that affordable options are lacking. ADUs provide this efficient affordable housing within the existing urban footprint with minimal impact on the environment and surrounding community.

PCL is a guardian of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but we support CEQA exemptions that are for the right things in the right place—affordable, transportation-efficient housing in existing urbanized areas, without disruption or displacement of the existing community is exactly the right thing in the right place.

Sincerely,

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