

March 15, 2019

The Honorable Timothy S. Grayson  
State Capitol, Room 4164  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Sent Via Email: [Steven.Stenzler@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Stenzler@asm.ca.gov)**

**RE: AB 1483 (Grayson): Housing development project applications: reporting - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Grayson:

SPUR supports a package of bills that address protection, preservation and production of all levels of housing, and therefore supports Assembly Bill 1483. AB 1483 will direct cities and counties to partner with their local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to produce a comprehensive set of housing development pipeline data. This will position California to use its growing investments in housing to deliver on its state, regional, and local goals.

SPUR (San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association) is a member-supported nonprofit organization that promotes good planning and good government. We bring people together from across the political spectrum to develop solutions to the big problems our cities face. With offices in San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland, we are recognized as a leading civic planning organization and are respected for our independent and holistic approach to urban issues.

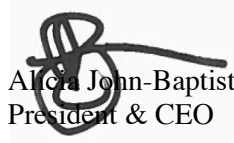
AB 1483 will support and empower HCD and MPOs to collect data that will dramatically expand policy-makers' understanding of the current housing crisis by:

1. Requiring cities and counties to compile a list that provides zoning and planning standards, fees imposed under the Mitigation Fee Act, special taxes, and assessments applicable to housing development projects in their jurisdiction;
2. Requiring each city and county to annually submit information concerning pending housing development projects with completed applications, the number of applications deemed complete, and the number of discretionary permits, building permits, and certificates of occupancy issued;
3. Requiring each local agency to post this information on its website and provide it to HCD and any applicable MPO; and,
4. Requiring HCD to post this information on its website by January 1, 2021, and each year thereafter.

Better information is needed to guide action by cities, metropolitan planning organizations, elected officials, developers, community groups, academic researchers and voters. By making housing development pipeline data open and available, we can leverage California's dedicated community of

housing researchers and advocates to implement smart, effective solutions to our housing affordability crisis. SPUR supports AB 1483 and thanks you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Jean-Baptiste', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Alicia Jean-Baptiste  
President & CEO

CC: The Honorable David Chiu, Chair, Assembly Housing Committee  
Members and Consultants, Assembly Housing Committee