

August 10, 2022

Senator Portantino, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

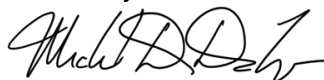
RE: AB 2097 (Friedman) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Portantino and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of LandWatch Monterey County, a regional land use, transportation and climate group with over 30 years of experience advocating for efficient land use on the central coast, I write to register our support for AB 2097 which aims to make affordable housing production near transportation, pencil out. LandWatch works to reduce carbon pollution contributing to climate change, with an emphasis on providing workforce housing within cities, to reduce transportation emissions, while protecting natural and working lands.

In working with city and county governments in our region, we have found time and again, that local requirements for parking associated with housing have ended up over producing parking spaces and under producing much needed multi family affordable housing units. LandWatch believes that AB 2097 offers a promising approach to correct this imbalance and we urge your “aye” vote when it comes before you. Thank you for your careful attention to our views.

Sincerely,



Michael DeLapa  
Executive Director

Cc: Assemblymember Friedman