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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

Assembly Bill 2299 (Bloom) - Land Use: Housing: Second Units SUPPORT

**As amended on August 19, 2016
Senate Third Reading File**

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports AB 2299 by Assembly Member Richard Bloom and asks for your **“AYE”** vote. This measure would create new standards for the development and permitting of accessory dwelling units. CSAC understands that California is reaching a crisis point regarding both the availability of housing and its affordability, and accessory dwelling units present an opportunity to provide a much-needed increase in housing supply. As recently amended, AB 2299 balances the statewide need to promote the development of additional housing affordable to households at all income levels with the preservation of local land use authority.

CSAC appreciates the amendments that allow counties to continue to ministerially permit accessory dwelling units under the provisions included in state law in the absence of a local accessory dwelling unit ordinance. Moreover, the amended bill clarifies that state standards will apply when a local ordinance concerning accessory dwelling units has not been adopted or which conflicts with state law. Finally, CSAC appreciates the amendment to only preempt local off-street parking standards that exceed one parking space per bedroom.

Based on the inclusion of the aforementioned amendments, CSAC supports AB 2299 and respectfully asks for your **“AYE”** vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Kiana Valentine at 916-327-7500, ext. 566, or kvalentine@counties.org.

cc: Honorable Richard Bloom, California State Assembly