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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

AB 2406 (Thurmond) - Housing: junior accessory dwelling units As Amended June 8, 2016 – SUPPORT Senate Third Reading File

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports AB 2406 by Assembly Member Tony Thurmond and asks for your “AYE” vote. This measure would provide an optional statutory framework that local governments could use to promote the development of junior accessory dwelling units. The bill would allow local agencies to adopt an ordinance providing for the development of junior accessory dwelling units in single-family residential zones. The units could be up to a maximum of 500 square feet in size and would have to be built within the existing walls of a structure.

California’s 58 counties support efforts to build more affordable housing in the state. Several local jurisdictions have already adopted such ordinances as a means of promoting the development of new affordable housing by taking advantage of opportunities to more efficiently use the existing housing stock. Encouraging local jurisdictions to follow their lead and facilitate the development of junior accessory dwelling units will help put downward pressure on California rents, which the LAO estimates are fifty percent higher than those in the rest of the country.

For these reasons, we support AB 2406 and ask for your “AYE” vote. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Kiana Valentine, Legislative Representative, at 916-327-7500, ext. 566, or kvalentine@counties.org.

cc: Honorable Tony Thurmond, California State Assembly