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To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 519.

This bill would create an Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup to propose the creation of a consolidated application for affordable housing developers to access state housing funding programs and a coordinated review process for applications.

I agree with the author's goal to streamline the current process and reduce costs to construct affordable housing, and I welcome meaningful conversation and legislation to further align programs administered by the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) and the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) with efforts already underway.

While I am signing this bill into law, I am concerned that the process it creates has the potential to diverge from legislatively crafted, recently implemented efforts to improve California's affordable housing finance system. Specifically, our departments worked hard to roll out the recently created Super NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability), required by AB 434 which I was proud to sign in 2020. As a result of that smart reform, developers can now apply for seven different affordable housing programs at one time.

As the Legislature looks to further improve and consolidate our state's affordable housing finance system in accordance with the new work group created by this bill, I expect that any subsequent changes proposed by the Legislature will build on the efforts the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)



has undertaken to implement AB 434, rather conflicting or departing from the wise, legislatively directed reforms that we just implemented.

Sincerely,



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