



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

May 11, 2018

The Honorable Patricia Bates
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4048
Sacramento, CA 95814

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

**RE: SB 1226 (Bates) Building standards: building permits
LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP**

Dear Senator Bates:

Joe Mosca
Deputy Mayor

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, I would like to thank you for carrying SB 1226 (Bates). Our City is among many in the state with unpermitted accessory dwelling units, and we are concerned about the safety risk this poses to the community. The City of Encinitas has an estimated 1,000 unpermitted accessory dwelling units, and the City has had limited success with amnesty programs or in getting property owners to "come out of the shadows."

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

SB 1226 clarifies existing law by proposing that the Building Standards Commission adopt a building standard that would authorize, absent a building permit, building officials to determine when the unpermitted residential unit was constructed, and then apply the California Building Standards Code in effect on that date and issue a retroactive building permit for that construction. This will provide cities with an incentive to offer property owners to get their unpermitted accessory dwelling units permitted. Each unit that obtains a permit under these circumstances adds another measure of safety to our community.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is pleased to sponsor SB 1226 (Bates), and we thank you again for carrying the bill on our behalf, and in helping us work toward a solution for unpermitted accessory dwelling units.

Sincerely,

Mark Muir
Council Member

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

cc: Assembly Member Rocky Chavez
City Council
JGC Government Consulting
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities