

City of Palo Alto

Office of the Mayor and City Council

May 6, 2024

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
California State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 4320
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2485 (Carrillo) Regional housing need: determination.
City of Palo Alto – Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo,

The City of Palo Alto is pleased to support AB 2485 (Carrillo), which seeks to enhance transparency in the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) regional housing needs calculation process by creating an advisory panel and requiring the publication of methodologies used on HCD's website.

AB 2485 aims for transparency in the RHNA determination process by providing local governments, housing stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties with information on the data sources, analyses, and calculation methods used by HCD. This bill would establish a formal review process by creating an expert panel to advise HCD on its assumptions, data, and analyses prior to a final RHNA determination.

This bill will increase local government stakeholder engagement on the RHNA allocations for future cycles of the housing element revision process. This in turn will increase transparency and ensure that HCD is responsible for its methodologies in assessing regional housing needs allocations.

For these reasons, the City of Palo Alto is pleased to support AB 2485.

Sincerely,



Greer Stone
Mayor, City of Palo Alto