



April 8, 2024

The Honorable Chris Ward
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
1020 N St, Room 124
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2485 (Carrillo) Regional housing need: determination.
Notice of Support (2/15/2024)

Dear Chair Ward,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to **support** measure **AB 2485 (Carrillo)**. This measure would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publish data sources, analyses, and methodology before finalizing regional housing need determinations, and to assemble an advisory panel for subsequent revisions, ensuring transparency and expert consultation in the process.

Housing affordability remains a pressing challenge across the state, with many communities facing an acute shortage of housing supply. It is essential to have robust mechanisms for determining regional housing needs that are grounded in accurate data and informed analysis.

AB 2485 seeks to accomplish several critical objectives. Firstly, it aims to promote transparency in the determination of regional housing needs by requiring the publication of data sources, analyses, and methodology. By making this information readily available to stakeholders and the public, this measure ensures accountability and builds trust in the decision-making process. Secondly, by establishing an advisory panel composed of experts, this measure encourages collaboration and ensures that housing policies are informed by diverse perspectives and expertise. This approach facilitates the development of more effective and equitable housing strategies tailored to the unique needs of California's diverse communities.

By requiring HCD to publish data sources and engage in consultation with local governments, AB 2485 empowers cities to participate meaningfully in the housing planning process and ensure that regional housing needs assessments reflect the realities and priorities of local communities.



For these reasons, Cal Cities proudly **supports** AB 2485. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at bguertin@calcities.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brady Guertin".

Brady Guertin
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