



April 10, 2024

TO: The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee  
The Honorable Diane Dixon, Vice Chair and all members, Assembly Local Government Committee

FR: California Business Properties Association      Building Owners & Managers Assn of California  
Institute of Real Estate Management              NAIOP California

**RE: AB 2909 (Santiago) – Historical Property Adaptive Reuse – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the organizations listed above, we are writing to express our strong support to AB 2909 (Santiago), which aims to revitalize California's cities through sustainable adaptive reuse, transforming historic buildings for modern purposes.

Facing the dual challenge of a housing shortage and economic downturn post-pandemic, California cities find a beacon of hope in adaptive reuse. This approach promises to fill empty commercial and industrial spaces with life, directly addressing the housing crisis and sparking economic revival by rejuvenating neighborhoods and bolstering businesses.

AB 2909 streamlines the process of preserving and adapting historic buildings, blending the old with the new to enrich our communities and stimulate economic growth. It ensures these structures remain integral and functional parts of our urban fabric, fostering sustainability and invigorating local economies.

Embracing adaptive reuse is crucial for California's recovery and future growth. It meets immediate needs for housing and economic rejuvenation while laying the groundwork for long-term sustainable development and cultural preservation. AB 2909 is a pivotal step towards a more resilient, vibrant, and environmentally conscious California.

For these reasons, we respectfully request an **AYE** vote on **AB 2909 (Santiago)**. For additional information regarding our position, please contact Skyler Wonnacott, California Business Properties Association, 916-960-3951 or [swonnacott@cbpa.com](mailto:swonnacott@cbpa.com)

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Members – Assembly Local Government Committee

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