

TO: Honorable Buffy Wicks, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee

FROM: Norwood Associates, LLC

DATE: April 4, 2025

RE: AB 66 (Tangipa)--SUPPORT

On behalf of our client, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of California (IIABCal) we are writing to offer our Support for the above referenced bill.

The tragic wildfires California has experienced in recent years have demonstrated the life-threatening consequences of inadequate evacuation infrastructure. When the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection specifically recommends the creation of secondary access routes, implementation should not be delayed by lengthy environmental review processes when the primary goal is public safety. This targeted exemption maintains environmental protections through its limited scope, required public meetings, and the filing of exemption notices with appropriate oversight bodies.

We particularly appreciate that this bill includes provisions for public transparency through mandatory noticed public meetings, ensuring community input is still valued while streamlining the approval process. The sunset provision until January 1, 2032, also provides an appropriate timeframe to address the most critical evacuation routes while allowing for future reassessment. By focusing exclusively on projects recommended by fire safety experts and requiring documentation through exemption notices filed with the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, this legislation strikes the right balance between environmental stewardship and urgent public safety needs.

For the above stated reason, IIABCal would urge your “AYE” vote on AB 66. Thank you

Thank you.

cc: Belle Castro, Office of Assemblymember David Tangipa  
Irene Ho, Deputy Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Joe Shinstock, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus  
Brady Borcharding, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor