



American Planning Association  
**Idaho Chapter**

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Advocating for effective planning programs, practices and legislation statewide.



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"Advocate for effective planning programs, practices and legislation statewide. To this end, we shall provide resources, training, monitoring, mentoring, communications, lobbying, and other services to, and for all Idaho professional, student, and citizen planners. These activities shall help to assure that Idaho's planners are professionally knowledgeable and empowered to create and implement balanced, informed and visionary plans for their communities."*

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### WORKFORCE HOUSING

- Increase Supply
- Diversify Housing Stock
- Regain Affordability
- Reduce Transportation and Utilities Costs



### LOCAL CONTROL WITHIN STATE FRAMEWORK

- Thoughtful Policy & Code Administration
- Increase Awareness & Advocacy
- Legislate With Caution



### PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES FUNDING

- Increased Local Option Tax Opportunities
- Impact Fee Expansion
- Interagency & Public-Private Partnership Opportunities

## WORKFORCE HOUSING

Idaho's housing prices are rapidly becoming unattainable for too many working, long-term residents. Stock is low, demand is high, and cash-rich out of state homebuyers are flooding the market, outcompeting local residents & driving them to lesser markets or keeping them where they are, or driving them out of their communities for housing elsewhere. For many, this creates need for commuting or job change. Local businesses are challenged enough in staying open by the current withdrawal of people from the workforce. Lack of affordable housing for workers is significantly compounding their staffing problem.

## LOCAL CONTROL WITHIN STATE FRAMEWORK

High profile, community specific cases cause legislation that unnecessarily impacts all communities in the state, imposing state mandates that eliminate local control and choice for individual situations and conditions.

## PUBLIC FACILITIES & SERVICES FUNDING

The cost of providing public services, facilities and infrastructure (water, sewer, transportation systems, schools, parks) is outpacing revenues and other funding sources needed to provide them, increasing the burden on tax payers.



## SOME OF OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

APA Idaho has been an organized chapter for the American Planning Association since 2008. We have over 250 members statewide that work at the city, county and state levels of government, as well as a number of private practice planners. We have expertise and provide a comprehensive perspective on the following topics:

- Community Planning
- Community Development
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Use/Access of Public Lands
- Social & Environmental Equity
- Citizen Participation in Governance
- Natural Resource Management
- Agricultural Preservation
- Public Education of the Planning Process



## AWARD WINNING EFFORTS

APA Idaho Annually Recognizes the variety of great work that is happening in communities throughout the state!

Our 2021 GEM Award Winner was: The Ada County Hwy District "Livable Streets Performance Measures."