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**POSITION STATEMENT ON RAISED BILL 6966
AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER POSTINGS.**

INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association has over 400 members who are governmental and consulting planners, land use attorneys, citizen planners, and other professionals engaged in planning and managing land use, economic development, housing, transportation, and conservation for local, regional, and State governments, private businesses and other entities.

OVERVIEW

Raised Bill 6966 would authorize municipalities to publish a brief summary of a matter being noticed in a newspaper with a reference to the municipality's Internet web site for additional information in lieu of publication of a full legal notice.

ANALYSIS

The Internet is the most efficient and effective tool for the dissemination of information. Printed newspapers serve only a small fraction of subscription-paying community members. The requirement to print full legal notices in a newspaper leads to unnecessarily large costs to municipalities. In the case of land use applications, newspaper publication costs are resented by developers.

CCAPA POSITION ON RAISED BILL 6966

CCAPA supports the proposal to authorize municipalities to publish a brief summary of a matter being noticed in a newspaper with a reference to the municipality's Internet web site for additional information in lieu of publication of a full legal notice.