If you reside in a Homeowners Association (HOA), an approval letter is required. It's important to be aware of the following information excerpted from the California Department of Housing and Community Development Accessory Dwelling Unit Handbook:

Regarding Homeowners Associations (HOA): Can an HOA prohibit the construction of an ADU or JADU? No. Assembly Bill 670 (2019) and AB 3182 (2020) have amended Section 4751, 4740, and 4741 of the Civil Code to prevent common interest developments from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting the construction or use, including renting or leasing, of an ADU on a lot zoned for single-family residential use. Covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) that effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the construction or use of an ADU or JADU on such lots are void and unenforceable. Violations may result in actual damages and payment of a civil penalty. Applicants facing challenges with ADU or JADU creation within CC&Rs are encouraged to seek additional guidance from HCD. Refer to Section 4100 of the Civil Code for the definition of a common interest development.