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California Building Industry Association Responds to State of the State Address

SACRAMENTO - The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) today provided the following response to Governor Gavin Newsom's State of the State address:

"We concur with the Governor on the greatness of California. Unfortunately, the state is not making enough progress addressing the immense housing crisis, preventing many families from achieving the California dream of owning a home," said Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of the California Building Industry Association.

"Astonishingly, new legislation and regulations continue to be introduced that will make it even harder to build the housing we so desperately need for all income levels. This has resulted in California's Housing and Community Development's Statewide Housing Plan moving the goalposts from the goal of 3.5 million new homes built by 2025 to simply 2.5 million homes zoned by 2030. In the meantime, the urgent need for more homes has only grown. Since 2018, California has built fewer than 320,000 new houses. Meanwhile, California has added 3.2 times more people than housing units over the last decade. California families, including nurses, firefighters, teachers, and other frontline workers, continue to face the highest housing costs in the country. Yes, California is great, but California's plan to fix the housing crisis must be more deliberate, focused and aggressive to meet the need for Housing For All," Dunmoyer said.

The Construction Industry Research Board (CIRB), a housing statistics service provided by the California Homebuilding Foundation, tracks data on home construction. CIRB data estimates that only 116,297 home construction permits were approved in 2021, far below the 180,000 units it should be producing annually to meet the need for housing, according to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

About the California Building Industry Association

The California Building Industry Association is a statewide trade association based in Sacramento representing thousands of member companies including homebuilders, trade contractors, architects, engineers, designers, suppliers and industry professionals in the homebuilding, multi-family and mixed-use development markets.

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