CBIA Response to Legislative Action Impacting Housing Production and Progress Toward Housing for All

SACRAMENTO - At the close of the 2021-22 legislative session, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) issued the following statement by Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA:

“We applaud the courage and leadership of the authors and legislative champions of housing bills AB 2011 and SB 6. These two measures are a step in the right direction toward more infill housing near transit hubs.

“Despite this progress, however, California’s housing crisis remains dire. More must be done to reduce the time, cost and legal hurdles to build homes that low- and middle-income families need and can afford. We remain concerned about unintended consequences of the Governor’s climate change package that will add more cost, complexity, confusion, and opportunity for housing opponents to force delay of needed home construction. These added costs - estimated at a minimum of $50,000 per housing unit - will simply increase the housing cost burden for homebuyers and renters.

“There is no question that addressing climate change is an important policy issue, but the climate change crisis does not negate the urgent need to simultaneously address California’s housing crisis – we must be able to do both.

“California leads the nation in home construction that is energy efficient, climate resilient, seismically safe and fire safe. Using proven fire science, we have evidence that we can build carbon-neutral, fire safe master planned communities that can put the dream of homeownership within reach for middle- and low-income families.

“Looking ahead, we will work with the Governor’s regulatory agencies to implement these climate goals in ways that limit additional barriers and delays to home construction. In the next legislative session and beyond, we urge policymakers to seek climate change solutions that will lead to greater production of housing across all income levels and help California achieve housing for all.”
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. CBIA Members build nearly 9 out of 10 new housing units built in California including charity homes, legally defined affordable housing, middle class market rate housing and luxury homes.

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