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CBIA Awards Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell 2022 Legislator of the Year

SACRAMENTO - The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) today announced that it has named Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) its 2022 Legislator of the Year. This annual award recognizes a member of the legislature who has been a strong and effective champion for housing and community development so California can better achieve Housing for All.

"Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell was an outstanding advocate for students, families, and communities this legislative session," said Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA.

"Assemblymember O'Donnell worked tirelessly over the past year to secure an historic \$5.6 billion in school facilities funding in the next two state budgets. This investment in both new schools and modernizing older classrooms will support teaching and learning that prepares California students for success. Investing in schools is an investment in neighborhoods and the families who live there, including newly built communities. We applaud Assemblymember O'Donnell for his commitment and unflagging support for this unprecedented investment in school construction and modernization."

Assemblymember O'Donnell serves as chair of the Assembly's Education Committee and is a member of committees on Budget, Transportation and Public Employment and Retirement. This session, he authored [AB 75](#), the Kindergarten-Community College Public Facilities Bond Act of 2022, which kick-started the conversation for allocating school facilities funding from state budget surplus dollars. Building and modernizing school facilities – and putting money in the state budget versus raising money through a state bond – allows for faster construction at a lower price to communities and taxpayers. Assemblymember O'Donnell also advocated for AB 185, an education budget bill, which was signed by Governor Newsom and ensures that the current process for funding school facilities could be continued in a seamless and efficient manner.

Assemblymember O'Donnell said, "I am honored to receive CBIA's 2022 Legislator of the Year award. I share CBIA's commitment to providing quality school infrastructure to ensure our

students have the best learning environment. By working together to secure funding from the state budget, we are able to give our students the facilities they desperately need, with safe classrooms that support 21st century learning and are updated to current building standards.”

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 as affordable housing, middle-class market-rate housing and luxury homes.

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