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CBIA Responds to Gov. Newsom's Proposal to Streamline Construction and Limit CEQA Litigation on Specified Building Projects

SACRAMENTO - The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) today responded to Governor Gavin Newsom's legislative package and executive order aimed at addressing serious barriers to home construction that result from abuse of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

"Far too many California home building projects get mired down and unreasonably delayed by superfluous CEQA lawsuits over what is often disingenuous environmental concern," said Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA. "Though the original intent of CEQA is commendable, it has since morphed into a weaponization tool by NIMBY interests.

We applaud Gov. Newsom for recognizing the problems caused by CEQA abuse and stepping forward to make policy changes for infrastructure projects that serve all Californians. This type of reform is also urgently needed to address our housing crisis which continues to perpetuate inequality in homeownership in California. We urge the Governor to go further so that CEQA abuses can no longer unreasonably curtail construction of homes across the affordability spectrum. We look forward to working with the Governor and Legislature on reasonable CEQA reform that helps to advance Housing for All."

About the California Building Industry Association

The <u>California Building Industry Association</u> 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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