

HOUSING KILLERS AND CREATORS

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California Building Industry Association Announces 2024 Housing Killers and Creators List

SACRAMENTO – The [California Building Industry Association](#) (CBIA) today announced the bills identified as [Housing Killers and Housing Creators for 2024](#). The purpose of CBIA's Housing Killers and Housing Creators list is to highlight legislative efforts related to California's housing policy crisis that should be dropped, improved, or championed.

Bills on the Housing Killers list would make California's housing policy crisis worse by increasing cost, time, and hurdles to build homes. Bills on the Housing Creators list reduce barriers to home construction and help address the urgent need for more new homes in California.

2024 Housing Killers

AB 2230 (Bennett, D-Oxnard) Residential Housing Unfair Practices Act of 2023 - Adds residential housing to the state's Anti-Trust Law, Unfair Business Practices law, and Unfair Competition Law. It would expand the scope of residential housing regulations in the state and create more barriers to investments in home construction, ultimately impacting housing affordability for residents. Additionally, the bill may also limit competition during California's ongoing housing crisis, further reducing choices for consumers.

AB 2010 (Kalra, D-San Jose) State contracting: global deforestation - Requires contractors and subcontractors contracting with a state agency to certify that the wood used in their projects is not sourced from certain regions. It is in direct opposition to the rigorous sustainable practices and certification standards that North America currently upholds. Developing a redundant program will disrupt lumber supply to California during an existing housing shortage, increasing the cost of housing and wasting the state's already limited resources.

SB 903 (Skinner, D-Oakland) Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances - Creates a sweeping and complex new regulatory program at the Department of Toxic Substances Control to regulate all commercial and consumer products that may contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. This incredibly far-reaching bill could potentially outlaw essential building products such as heat pumps and electrical wiring that have been mandated by the state of California to help achieve climate and energy objectives, and are crucial in creating safe, affordable,

and sustainable low-carbon homes. This measure could have a significant impact on California's green housing market and the ability to meet important environmental goals.

2024 Housing Creators

AB 247 (Muratsuchi, D-Torrance) \$14 billion school bond for K-12 and community college facilities - Places a school bond on the November 2024 statewide ballot which will allow for the construction and modernization of safe schools and the construction of more housing. Without this bond, California home builders cannot build homes that are attainable for middle class families. AB 247 is crucial for ensuring that our school facilities keep up with the changing needs of our students and teachers. It will secure funding to construct new schools, modernize older school buildings, improve technology and upgrade security. New and updated school facilities which are significantly more energy efficient are needed to help California achieve its climate goals.

AB 2996 (Alvarez, D-Chula Vista) FAIR Plan - Adds stability to California's home and commercial insurance marketplace by authorizing the California FAIR Plan Association to request the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to issue bonds and would authorize the bank to issue those bonds. The current insurance crisis is impacting many Californians, including those who live in single family homes and condominiums. Serving as a safety net for consumers when they need it most, this bill aims to strengthen the FAIR Plan's financial stability in the event of major catastrophes, allowing it to serve as a reliable insurance option until the market stabilizes. This will better protect homeowners and buyers who are unable to secure coverage in the traditional insurance market.

"It is crucial to reduce barriers to home construction so we can meet the growing housing demand with increased home production of all types and across the affordability spectrum," said [Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA](#). "The production of all kinds of new homes is urgently needed. Addressing our housing crisis is essential to the health of California's economy and for the well-being of our communities. California's home builders want to address the need for more houses, and we urge California's policy leaders to defeat legislative efforts that would make it more difficult to achieve Housing for All."

CBIA members work to construct all types of homes throughout the state to meet California's diverse housing needs, including urban infill, multi-family units, legally defined affordable housing, condos, apartments, single-family homes, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and master planned communities.

California's insufficient housing supply has caused a persistent scarcity of homes for middle- and low-income families, leading to a decline in homeownership rates and increased rental costs. Policies that have added costs, time, and restrictions to home construction have exacerbated California's housing policy crisis, and widened inequities in homeownership rates.

Homeownership stabilizes communities and provides access to education and employment opportunities. Owning a home is also one of the most effective ways that Americans build wealth, which can be passed down from generation to generation. Yet, in California, the homeownership rate has [fallen from nearly 50% in 2000 to below 44% in 2021](#), with the most significant decline among individuals aged 35-45. Meanwhile in 2023, [only 16% of California households](#) could afford a median-priced single-family home.

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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