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CBIA Statement on Introduction of Fast Track Housing Package

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Sacramento, CA – The <u>California Building Industry Association</u> (CBIA) has issued the following statement in support of the introduction of the Fast Track Housing Package announced today. Read the full press release here.

The following statement can be attributed to Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of CBIA: "Ensuring that California has adequate housing to meet community needs is crucial for the stability and strength of communities across our state. We applied the leadership of Assemblymember Buffy Wicks and appreciate her work to coordinate the bi-cameral, bi-partisan legislative effort to fast-track housing production in California.

"These reforms are urgently needed. Costly and restrictive home construction policies have led to a housing policy crisis, resulting in limited housing stock and increased rent and home prices. While homeownership is the most significant factor in building wealth for families, California's insufficient housing supply has caused a persistent scarcity of affordable homes for middle- and low-income families, leading to a decline in homeownership rates."

CBIA is proud to sponsor seven bills in the Fast Track Housing Package. We are proud to work with Assemblymembers <u>Alvarez</u>, <u>Carrillo</u>, <u>Quirk-Silva</u>, <u>Rubio</u>, <u>Wicks</u>, and <u>Wilson</u>, as well as with <u>Senator Arreguín</u>, on legislation that will help to reduce barriers to the production of urgently needed homes.

- AB 610 (Alvarez): Ensures that local governments do not make it more difficult to build housing by precluding the adoption of stricter local regulations unless previously contemplated in the local Housing Element.
- **AB 660 (Wilson):** Expedites the post-entitlement process by allowing third-party review of building permits if they are not reviewed by the local agency in a timely way.

- AB 712 (Wicks): Facilitates the enforcement of housing laws by increasing penalties for local and state agencies that violate housing statutes, in a manner in keeping with existing law in the Housing Accountability Act.
- AB 782 (Quirk-Silva): Eliminates unnecessary costs and delays by prohibiting local governments from requiring bonding or other financial assurances related to subdivision improvements that will be privately owned and maintained.
- **AB 1276 (Carrillo):** Increases certainty for housing developers by locking in the rules at the time of application with regard to regulations and requirements made by state and regional agencies and requires those agencies to use a "reasonable person" standard when they are considering whether a housing project is consistent with an applicable regulatory plan.
- **SB 489 (Arreguín):** Plugs gaps in the permitting process by requiring state and regional agencies to post their application requirements online, and by ensuring that all decisions are either covered by the "shot clocks" included in the Permit Streamlining Act or postentitlement permit statutes.

CBIA members build housing across the affordability spectrum to meet the needs of all Californians, including urban infill, multi-family units, condos, apartments, single-family homes, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and master planned communities.

CBIA is dedicated to expanding California's housing supply using the latest fire safety science, modern building codes, and advanced construction techniques to create safer, more energy-efficient homes and communities while working with policymakers to reduce barriers that slow building and increase costs for home production.

For more information about CBIA and its efforts to support the California homebuilding industry, please visit www.cbia.org.

About CBIA:

The <u>California Building Industry Association</u> (CBIA) is a statewide trade association representing the home building industry. CBIA advocates for policies that promote the development of affordable and sustainable housing, supports the growth of the housing market, and seeks to create opportunities for homeownership throughout California.