

Home Builders Association of Kern County

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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Introduction

The mission of the Home Builders Association of Kern County (HBA) is to promote increased housing production and affordability. Your membership in the HBA also entitles you to the membership privileges of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). These three affiliated organizations exist to protect and promote the interests of builders, developers and related professional associates at the local, state and federal levels. This affiliation also provides opportunities for networking and communications with industry leaders in a broad range of home-building related disciplines.

Here is an overview of activities and policy initiatives of the HBA/CBIA/NAHB team:

HBA

We advocate on behalf of member companies within Kern County and its municipalities to ensure a favorable economic environment for new housing and fair, cost-effective application of local land use policies and standards. Our Political Action Committee contributes to pro-housing candidates in local elections. The HBA keeps members informed on issues and developments affecting our industry through regular communications and monthly meetings of our Legislative Committee. Ongoing and recently completed activities include:

- Providing communications and networking opportunities for members.
- Technical regulatory updates impacting home construction operations, such as energy efficiency standards updates, and participating in industry efforts to address PG&E service connection delays and transformer shortages.
- Working with City of Bakersfield and County of Kern on ways of streamlining and reducing the costs of the permitting and plan checking process.
- Monitoring and commenting on ongoing General Plan and Housing Element updates to ward off costly new policies and permitting procedures. HBA strongly opposed inclusionary zoning and rent control programs being advocated by environmental justice groups.
- Defeated a costly and destructive Bakersfield Climate Action Plan proposal in concert with our local business and industry coalition.

- Coordinated with Bakersfield Police Chief and BPD staff to establish a construction site crime task force that now meets bi-monthly.
- Advocated against costly new habitat impact fees proposed by Bakersfield staff and CA Department of Fish & Wildlife.
- Lobbying county and city officials on pending new regulations, development standards updates, and potential fee increases.
- Tracking periodic updates by local school districts of their school facilities impact fee schedules to assure any fee increases are justified and properly calculated.
- Collaborating with other business advocacy groups such as the Kern Economic Development Corporation, Chambers of Commerce, Association of Realtors, and legislative advocacy group Biz Fed.
- Advocated through local congressional offices for increases in FHA mortgage loan limits for Kern County.
- Participating in lobbying for the defeat of housing-killer legislation, such as AB 199 that could have imposed prevailing wage mandates on all new housing.
- Maintaining and funding a Political Action Committee (PAC) to support local pro-housing candidates for elected office.
- Advising member companies on onerous new campaign contribution limitations imposed by recently enacted AB 1439.
- Intervening and demanding transparency in local agency review of development impact fees, such as sewer connection fees, to assure fairness and cost-effectiveness.

CBIA

The California Building Industry Association is our industry's first line of defense in the State Capitol, monitoring and intervening in hundreds of new housing-impacting Assembly and Senate bills each session, most of which are bad for our industry. CBIA also tracks the often harmful actions of the State's bloated regulatory bureaucracy, particularly the Air Resources Board, Water Resources Control Board, Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Office of Planning & Research.

- Implementing a long-term strategy for defeating trade union prevailing wage initiatives throughout the state. Secured Governor's veto of AB 520, another back door attempt to impose prevailing wage on privately financed residential construction.
- Advocating for solutions to the expanding state-wide insurance crisis.
- Advocating for meaningful CEQA reform.
- Conducting research on the cost-effectiveness of proposed new regulations including climate-change driven energy efficiency code revisions.
- Funding litigation to overturn costly, land use and building regulations such as proposed limits on vehicle miles travelled under new CEQA guidelines.

- Maintaining good working relations with the governor and his senior staff, with the goal of achieving substantial increases in housing production throughout the state. Governor Newsom's state budgets have contained recommendations to streamline the housing approval process and discourage local government "Nimby" activity. Of course, much more needs to be done to make the American Dream available to middle- and lower-income families.
- Directing political campaign contributions to pro-housing and moderate State legislature candidates statewide.
- Holds annual Pacific Coast Builders Conference (PCBC) showcasing cutting edge building products and educating participants on the current and future state of the home building industry.
- Formed a coalition of business and social justice advocates to defeat bills such as the deadly prevailing wage bill, AB 199 from several sessions ago.

NAHB

The National Association of Home Builders resides in the complex and brutally partisan environment of Washington D.C. and the far-flung federal bureaucracy. NAHB provides industry trends and market research, and technical support for state and local chapters, including the HBA of Kern County, and publishes Builder Magazine nationally.

- Tracking and advising state and local chapters on pending federal bills and regulations that have potentially major cost and delay impacts on home building.
- Advocating for regulatory restraint by federal agencies, particularly FHA, EPA, US Fish & Wildlife, Transportation, and Corps of Engineers.
- Providing technical support and workforce development support for state and local chapters.
- Maintaining working relationships with key congressional committees and committee members.
- Hosts the annual International Builders Show (IBS), and provides registration discounts to members.
- Engaged in regulatory reform initiatives, including regulations relating to air quality and Waters of the US.
- Advocates for federal help in relieving supply chain constraints, and limiting interest rate hikes.
- Conducts research on market and demographic trends.
- Provides for member discounts at major home improvement chains and materials and equipment suppliers.

Those are some of the Benefits of Membership in the Home Builders Association of Kern County. The Association is there to serve your individual needs and the interests of the industry

overall. We would be privileged to welcome your company to the HBA Team. Please submit your HBA membership application today.

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Membership Application

Applicant Firm Name _____ # of employees _____

Company's Main Contact _____

Address (include city/zip) _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Membership Classification

() Builder / Developer

() Associate

*[Please see assessments rules
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Membership Fee Schedule

Annual Investment	\$ 750
Builder Assessment Fee (see reverse)	\$
PAC Contribution (voluntary)	\$ 100
Processing Fee (one time charge*)	\$ 0
_Total Association Investment	\$ 750

Sponsor (company or individual who recommended us to you) _____

Committee Participation

I am interested in more information about joining the following committee(s): (please circle)

BIPAC

Legislative Committee

Membership/Event Committee

Board

Dues payments to HBA of Kern County are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payment may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expense, subject to an exclusion for lobbying activity. Because a portion of your dues is used for lobbying by NAHB, CBIA and HBA of Kern County, 44% of the total dues for Associate Members and 46% of the total dues for Builder Members are not deductible for income tax purposes.

Signature _____

Date_____

SUPPORT THE INDUSTRY THAT SUPPORTS YOU...
Standing alone, you are “a voice in the dark.” By joining with
other members you are ensured a say in issues that directly
affect your business.

Thanks for your interest in membership in the HOME
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY.

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Builder and Land Development Dues Schedule (does not apply to companies applying for an Associate membership)

Assessment Schedule: *(Builder / Land Applicants Only)*

Type of Construction	Subdivision / Parcel Map (Payable Upon Map Recordation)	Building / Development (Payable Upon Closing)
Single family dwellings PUDs, Condos	N/A	\$200 per unit, not to exceed \$20,000 annually
Apartments	N/A	\$25.00 / unit
Commercial & Industrial	N/A	N/A
Remodel & Rehab	N/A	N/A

Members who are owners of record or have an interest in any joint ventures, partnerships or corporate entities, which are engaged in building or developing, shall also comply with this policy. There shall be no duplication of payment nor shall the aggregate amounts paid for annual membership dues and building assessments exceed \$20,000 per member, per year.

This is to certify that I understand and shall comply with the foregoing membership requirements of the Home Builders Association of Kern County.

X _____
Signature of Applicant Date

**Processing fee will be charged again for all late annual renewal memberships.*

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act requires your signed written consent in order to receive faxes, e-mails, regular mail, and telephone calls prior to sending you correspondence such as, but not limited to, event notices, fundraising notices, sponsorship invitations, RFP solicitations. By signing below, you have the option to:

I understand that by providing my mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers, I consent to receive communications sent by or on behalf of the Home Builders Association of Kern County, California Building Industry Association and the National Association of Home Builders, via regular mail, e-mail, telephone or fax. I understand these associations will not share my information with other organizations.

My preferred method of communication is; ☐ e-mail ☐ fax ☐ mail ☐
telephone

Signature _____
Date _____