Attendees

Adam Briones, California Community Builders
Joshua Mora, Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services
Debbie Arakel, Habitat for Humanity
Raylene, Indigenous Justice
Holden Weisman, Greenlining
Matt Trujillo, Catalyst California
Kevin Golden, HERO
Ricardo Flores, LISC San Diego
Sibley Simon, New Way Homes
Konstantin Hatcher, CA YIMBY
Dulce Vazquez, Housing Advocate
Erin Boltz, Boltz Public Affairs

Spotlight: Adam Briones, California Community Builders - SB 684 & AB 1508

- AB 1508 (Ramos)
 - o Co-sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and CCB
 - Homeownership is not currently considered a goal in state planning documents
 - AB 1508 would put homeownership in the Statewide Housing Plan as a shared value and a goal
- SB 684 (Caballero)
 - Co-sponsored by CCB, CA YIMBY, LISC San Diego, CVUI
 - Average size lot in California is about 6,000 sq ft
 - And the larger lot you are required to buy, the more expensive your home
 - If you are okay with having a smaller lot in order to have a lower priced home, you should have that option
 - SB 684 allows and streamlines lot splits of up to 10 in infill areas in multifamily zoning and on vacant lots in single-family zoning in order to increase the development of smaller, naturally lower cost single-family homes and make those homeownership opportunities more affordable and more abundant
 - First committee, Governance & Finance, on April 12
 - Would appreciate a support letter by April 6!
 - California Association of Realtors is planning to support
 - Still working out a few details, including what vacant means and how we can include blighted properties
 - Also seeking to make 10 units the floor and not the ceiling, so cities that want to can do more
- Questions/Comments:
 - Sibley Simon, New Way Homes:
 - Can you reiterate where SB 684 applies?
 - Adam Briones, California Community Builders:
 - The bill will allow lot splits of up to 10 units in multifamily zones, and will apply on vacant lots in single-family zones.

Spotlight: Ricardo Flores, LISC San Diego - SB 423

- SB 423 (Wiener) makes SB 35 permanent
 - SB 35 allows for streamlining of multifamily projects in cities without a compliant housing element and that are behind on their RHNA goals
 - Adheres to existing community planning-doesn't usurp it but ensures it is implemented
 - SB 35 has been highly successful—so let's keep it going
 - Includes new labor standards that guarantee high wages (prevailing wage) for ALL projects over 10 units, health insurance on larger projects, and preference for apprentices on projects over 50
 - The Carpenters are co-sponsoring this bill–this is a pro-union bill!
- Statewide: 18,000 have been proposed using SB 35, 13,000 of which will be affordable

Sacramento Update

- Spring recess starts today, picking back up the week of April 12
- Then, lots of committee meetings until the end of April (deadline for non-fiscal bills to pass committee in first house is end of April)
- End of May: deadline to pass out of their first house
- Mid-June: finalized budget, followed by budget trailer bills
- Mid-July: summer recess
- Mid-August: return from summer recess, busy until the end of session!
- The conversation around labor language continues
 - The Carpenters have come to the table to actually negotiate and help create language that achieves labor and worker goals but still results in more housing