



CALL TO ACTION - AHSC AT RISK IN FINAL CAP & TRADE DEAL

August 29 - September 5th

Context: The Governor and Legislature are in final negotiations to reauthorize the Cap & Trade Program this legislative session, which means a deal will likely be reached within the next week that will determine the fate of the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program. By law, any final bill for this session must be in print by September 9th.

AHSC is at risk of being dramatically cut! Now is the time to activate our housing champions in the Legislature to fight against these proposed cuts. Specific action steps are outlined below.

Additional Background: Revenue from the Cap & Trade program goes into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), which provides funding for a wide variety of climate, environmental, transportation, and housing programs, including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program. AHSC receives a 20% continuous appropriation from GGRF, providing significant funding for integrated housing and transportation projects across California. AHSC is an integral program for meeting California's climate, equity, and affordable housing goals and it is critical that its 20% allocation is maintained. Share your questions and any feedback you hear with Sally Greenspan at sgreenspan@enterprisecommunity.org and Amiel Leaño Atanacio at atanacio@enterprisecommunity.org.

1. **CALL HOUSING COMMITTEE CHAIRS HANEY & WAHAB** (Script below!)
 - a. Assemblymember Haney: 916-319-2017
 - b. Senator Wahab: 916-651-4410
2. **CALL KEY HOUSING CHAMPIONS THAT REPRESENT YOUR REGION.** (Script below!)

If needed, prioritize legislators that represent your district(s) and that you have existing relationships with, but all calls to all members are helpful!

REGION	MEMBERS / NUMBERS
Bay Area	• Assemblymember Wicks: 916-319-2014 • Assemblymember Wilson: 916-319-2011 • Assemblymember Aguiar Curry: 916-319-2004 • Assemblymember Stefani: 916-319-2019 • Assemblymember Ávila Farías: 916-319-2019 • Senator Arreguin: 916-651-4007 • Senator Cabaldon: 916-651-4003 • Senator Wiener: 916-651-4011 • Senator Wahab: 916-651-4410 • Senator Grayson: 916-651-4009 • Senator Krell: 916-319-2006

SoCal	• Assemblymember Quirk-Silva: 916-319-2067 • Assemblymember Gabriel: 916-319-2046 • Assemblymember Ward: 916-319-2078 • Assemblymember M Gonzalez: 916-319-2054 • Assemblymember Schultz: 916-319-2044 • Senator Smallwood-Cuevas: 916-651-4028 • Senator Blakespear: 916-651-4038 • Senator Menjivar: 916-651-4020 • Senator Perez: 916-651-4025 • Senator Limon: 916-651-4021
Central Valley	• Senator McNerney: 916-651-4005

Phone Script

- Hello, my name is [name] and I work for [your organization's name]. Can I speak with someone in your office who works on affordable housing?
- I'm calling because Cap & Trade negotiations are underway and in some of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding allocation proposals under discussion, the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities program would be cut dramatically.
- The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program provides California's largest source of ongoing funding for affordable housing and also delivers significant climate, economic, and transportation benefits from a single investment, making it an efficient use of public dollars.
- AHSC is a priority for our organization because [brief note about the need and/or impact of the AHSC program, such as the need you see in your work/community, projects in the pipeline, etc.]
- For these reasons, we are extremely concerned about the proposed Assembly Cap & Trade funding allocation plan currently, which would result in a dramatic cut to AHSC funding.
- Historically, AHSC has received a 20% appropriation from Cap & Trade's total Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The Assembly plan under discussion proposes to first allocate billions of dollars to other uses before AHSC receives its 20% — resulting in AHSC being cut by more than half.
- The Assembly proposal also puts AHSC in a funding bucket with other programs, and opens up the funding for re-negotiation every 3-5 years, potentially resulting in further cuts to the amount AHSC will receive, and creating instability that will make it harder for housing to be built.
- We stand with countless other organizations across the state who are asking that the state sustain the continuous appropriation for AHSC of 20%. This 20% must continue to be calculated based on the full amount of GGRF proceeds, not 20% of a smaller pot after other funding has been allocated, as is proposed in the Assembly framework.
- [As Housing Committee Chair if they are one OR As a longtime housing champion], we are looking to [Asm/Senator ____] for leadership on this issue NOW. **Specifically, we're asking that the member reach out directly to [Assembly/Senate] leadership that are working on the Cap & Trade negotiations to underscore how critical it is that the program continue to receive its continuous appropriation of 20% of the full amount of Cap & Trade proceeds.** Is that something they can commit to doing?
- Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Additional Resources

- [Housing and Transportation Coalition Letter for Cap & Trade](#)
- [2025 AHSC Two-Pager](#)
- [2025 AHSC Report](#)