



USGBC California – Local Government Support Initiatives

Our mission is to make California a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable place for all, and one way we do this is by partnering with local governments to help them achieve their climate and sustainability goals. Outlined below are several of our offerings to date.

POLICY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

CalBPS Peer Learning Collaborative

The California BPS Peer Learning Collaborative (CalBPS PLC) is a forum to get support in the development and implementation of building performance standards and other building decarbonization policies. Our [CA Building Performance Hub](#) offers additional resources for cities developing BPS policies, including a model ordinance, an AI-powered help desk designed to aid policy development, and tools to educate and support building owners in your community.

Consultation on Local Energy Codes & Embodied Carbon Policies

Our team can help identify best practices and resources to implement local decarbonization policies. We can facilitate stakeholder engagement with building owners and operators, contractors, energy consultants, service providers, tenants, and all other stakeholders.

Contractors Commitment

Created by contractors for contractors, the [Contractor's Commitment](#) is the industry's benchmark for assessing what it means to be a green contractor. Municipal governments can include Contractor's Commitment in their RFP process, as Austin, TX and Google have done.

LEED for Cities & Communities

We partner with USGBC to offer a full suite of support for cities looking to lead by example with high-performance municipal buildings and impactful local policy.

ADVOCACY SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Collaborative Support on Mission-Aligned Advocacy Initiatives

Our team provides coalition support and collaboration on shared advocacy priorities that impact local governments across the state. These priorities include reach codes, climate resilience, embodied carbon, green affordable housing, climate action plan review, and much more.

Advocacy + Policy Track - California Green Building Conference

Our annual [California Green Building Conference](#) features sessions aligned with advocacy and policy matters across the state, including topics such as statewide green building policy, building decarbonization, embodied carbon in municipal uses, high-performance buildings, EE and utility rebate programs, etc.

EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Training for Local Government Staff, Contractors, and Vendors

Our Workforce and Professional Development training portfolio offers sustainability education on various topics of interest to local government staff, contractors, and vendors.

Our [High Performance Buildings for Building Departments](#) course helps municipal building departments understand the latest techniques for high-performance buildings, building electrification, and building decarbonization policy, and how these trends affect their jobs.

Green Education & Volunteer Opportunities for Members of Your Local Community

Our Green Schools program offers sustainability education for youth and resources for making campuses more resilient and sustainable, including our [Green Campus Toolkit](#) for K-12 facilities and operations teams.

Our Green Homes program offers community outreach and education related to sustainable building materials, electrification, and home hardening.