

Spring Leadership Meeting was (Truly) the Best One Yet

During NAHB's Spring Leadership Meeting, more than 1,100 members and HBA staff **advocated on Capitol Hill** for key housing priorities during the annual Legislative Conference. The **Spring Leadership Meeting's success** was then capped off with the passage and enactment of the **21st Century ROAD to Housing Act**.

To help home builders associations boost the attainability of housing in their communities, NAHB's **State and Local Government Affairs Committee** approved \$75,000 in financial assistance for associations through the **State and Local Issue Fund**. The impact of these grants is detailed in the **State and Local Issues library**.

During the committee meeting, updates were given on a variety of topics that will be useful to the Federation. The NAHB Election Guidebook Program has been updated to now include an online version that candidates can work through at their own pace. Candidates can access the collateral on **the main campaign page**.

The **Housing Favorability Assessment** was also discussed, which was developed to help local associations foster a favorable, pro-housing environment within their city or county. The assessment consists of a series of questions related to local residential building policies and regulations, ranging from permits to design standards. NAHB's work in the **America's Housing Comeback** coalition was highlighted as a means of using the assessment. The coalition is helping to guide the National League of Cities and NAHB to promote pro-supply policies at the local level.

At the state level, the committee was updated about NAHB's efforts to create model legislation for HBAs. The model legislation and supporting materials are available for HBAs to use as a framework for legislative bills related to

improving housing affordability. The issues on the website are always being updated and include permit review, starter homes and impact fees, among a dozen others.

Additionally, the latest ballot measure in California, **California Prop 45** or "Building a More Affordable California," was detailed because it would allow more attainable housing to be built if passed. The measure is on the 2026 ballot and would amend the California Environmental Quality Act to expedite environmental review of specified housing, transportation, water, health and clean energy projects.

This year's Spring Leadership Meeting was truly the best one yet. It was incredible to see the strides being made at the state and local levels across the country to fight for housing affordability.



NAHB and the HBA of Greater Des Moines show their support at RAGBRAI: The Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. Pictured (L-to-R) are Brandon Patterson, Rachel Flint, NAHB's Karl Eckhart and Meghan Everngam, Dan Knoup, and Ben Richter.

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