

Welcome to the latest edition of the State Affairs! We are delighted that you are taking the time to learn about what is happening around the country. As the season turns, we hope you can enjoy some fall foliage and that your alma mater wins some football games.

This summer has been busy for the NAHB State and Local team with meetings with elected officials, a tremendous time at the Association Management Conference meetings in Atlanta (that anniversary party band was awesome!) and the chance to help many associations with the unending list of battles.

State & Local Advocacy Highlights

One highlight was when the National League of Cities (NLC) kicked off *America's Housing Comeback* to build federal-local and public-private partnerships to support local governments' ongoing efforts to address the housing supply. [America's Housing Comeback](#) initial partnership is between the American Planning Association, NAHB and the National Association of Realtors®, which aims to accelerate the housing successes of local governments using the solutions, systems and partnerships approach outlined in the [Housing Supply Accelerator Playbook](#).

NAHB is a founding partner in this effort, and we were fortunate to have several members and staff attend the kickoff meeting. Our members represented a diverse cross section of the building community as well. Going forward, our members will participate in both in-person and online meetings with mayors from across the country to bring the practitioner to the elected official and have both sides find compromise in ideas.

Summer Flashback

This summer, NAHB was grateful to have three interns join the advocacy team from Cal-State Fullerton: Nancy Philip, Eliza Rahmikhudoeva and Andrea Mendoza. One of the many projects they worked on was to develop a state-by-state map of impact fee enabling statutes to give builders, policymakers and housing advocates a clearer picture of where and how these fees are authorized across the country. This resource allows stakeholders to quickly see and compare which states authorize impact fees, under what conditions, and where enabling statutes create opportunities or obstacles for housing supply. If you haven't seen it, I encourage you to [check it out on nahb.org](#).

Look Ahead

And finally, as we approach the Fall Leadership Meetings in Denver, please take a moment to consider if your state's Governor or Lt. Governor is worthy of receiving recognition by nominating them for NAHB's Defender of Housing Award. The NAHB Defender of Housing Award recognizes elected officials who have demonstrated strong support for housing and been active on key issues facing the industry. The award, fashioned in the likeness of a traditional house key, is awarded on a rolling basis. If you feel you have a viable applicant, please fill out the form, and we will have the State and Local Government Affairs Committee consider it in Denver.

- Karl Eckhart, VP, State & Local Government Affairs



NAHB Western Region AVP Jeff Pemstein, NAHB Chairman of the Board Buddy Hughes and New Mexico HBA Executive Officer Miles Conway attend the Western Governors' Association meeting in Santa Fe, N.M.



NAHB summer interns, Nancy Philip, Eliza Rahmikhudoeva and Andrea Mendoza, visit the US Capitol.

¹ <https://www.nahb.org/nahb-community/awards/defender-of-housing-award>