



**August 23, 2022**

**TO: All Members of the Legislature**

**RE: Governor's proposed 2045 and 2030 Climate Goals (RNs: 22 18749 and 22 18408) – Oppose – Housing Killers -- \$50,000 per unit cost increase**

California's housing organizations stand together to oppose changes to the 2030 and 2045 climate goals because, as crafted, they will increase the cost of housing for all Californians. Solving California's housing crisis must be an ordering principle for the California Legislature. We are fully supportive of passing aggressive, but achievable environmental standards for new development and housing. Unfortunately, these proposals, as drafted, are not achievable.

CEQA requires GHG goals, policies and plans adopted at the statewide level to apply to projects. While they are proposed as far-off aspirational goals, for housing, they are immediate mandates. **A 2045 or 2030 statewide goal is an immediate 2023 housing mandate.**

These proposals:

- Create problems for which there are no solutions.
- Although proposed as far-off aspirational goals, for housing, they are immediate mandates starting on 1, 1, 2023, because of how CEQA law and court precedents work.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has stated that we need more than 2.5 million homes over the next eight-year RHNA cycle. That will not happen if these proposals are enacted as it will result in delay of all types of housing.
- They will be used by NIMBY opponents to delay, deny, or block desperately needed housing projects, resulting in less housing.
- This means more overcrowding, more homelessness, more demands on public services, more people blocked from economic advancement, more exclusion for people on the margins of society.

All of this means, more Californian's moving to other states where they will find lower cost housing that produces significantly more GHG emissions. This is not a climate reducing policy.

**This policy is the equivalent of adding a minimum \$50,000 to the price of every home in California.** This measure will single-handedly drive for-sale and for-rent homes and apartments out of reach for more Californian's. While our coalition stands ready to tackle this tough issue, given the magnitude of the housing crisis we **CAN NOT AFFORD TO GET THIS WRONG.**

**VOTE NO ON THE 2030 AND 2045 GOALS (RNs: 22 18749 and 22 18408)**