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Habitat for Humanity California rallies support for Gov. Gavin Newsom's bold housing agenda

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (Jan. 23, 2019)—Habitat for Humanity California and local Habitat organizations representing cities and counties throughout the state met Wednesday in the capital city to rally support for affordable housing, adding their voices in strong support of Gov. Gavin Newsom's housing agenda.

"Gov. Newsom's bold housing agenda rises to the affordable housing challenge Californians are facing," said Sharon Ellis, chair of Habitat for Humanity California. "Habitat for Humanity is one of largest developers of affordable housing in California. We will raise our voices to bring these proposals across the finish line."

Habitat California and Habitat for Humanity International also delivered a [letter of support](#) to the governor's office in support of his agenda to address the formidable housing crisis in California. The proposed budget would allot more than \$1.7 billion in one-time and ongoing affordable housing funds, supporting the governor's goal of the construction of 3.5 million homes by 2025.

The governor's proposed budget would also provide \$500 million to local governments to combat the homelessness epidemic, \$500 million to support the low-income housing tax credit, and an additional \$500 million to encourage housing for the state's "missing middle."

The plan also supports reforming zoning ordinances, spurring development on state-owned surplus land, and grant funding to mitigate costs for compliance with the Energy Commission's solar mandate for non-profit single-family affordable housing developers, including Habitat.

Dozens of local Habitat leaders from across California met with legislators in the state capitol to secure their support for affordable housing and share the impact Habitat has had on communities across the state.

In the past decade, more than 1,200 California families have partnered with Habitat to build pathways to homeownership, which has generated an estimated \$15.7 million in property taxes. Additionally, more than 2,000 homes have been repaired allowing families to stay in their homes and their communities.

About Habitat for Humanity California

Habitat for Humanity California is a statewide coalition of independent Habitat affiliates that serve communities across California. Habitat affiliates bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat California advocates for affordable housing with specific focus on homeownership opportunities for families with limited-incomes. Habitat California's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Our mission is to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of Habitat for Humanity affiliates in California. Learn more at www.habitatca.org.