Habitat for Humanity California's advocacy agenda promotes:
Policies and systems that increase access to adequate, affordable housing and increase supply through policies that promote production, preservation, and protection of affordable housing with an emphasis on homeownership for low-income households.

Our Four Priorities & Policy Solutions:

advance homeownership opportunities for lower-income households

promote access to a range of safe + healthy + affordable housing

cultivate healthy + vibrant communities of opportunity
encourage equitable land use

**advance homeownership opportunities for lower-income households**

Advocate for policymakers at every level of government to champion solutions that increase access to sustainable homeownership, particularly for first-time, lower-income homebuyers.

- **sponsor AB 832 (Gipson):** creating a $10M tax credit program for owner-occupied projects developed + financed by a nonprofit
- **support housing budget** $1B invested in affordable housing + homelessness programs in Governor Newsom’s ‘20-’21 budget
- **support financial health** through legislation that promotes financial education + housing counseling

**promote access to a range of safe + healthy + affordable housing**

Advocate for policymakers to stimulate private investment in housing production, to enact innovative policies to increase affordable housing stock, and to support efforts that benefit the long-term maintenance and preservation of existing homes.

- **mitigate solar mandate cost** by supporting additional grant funding to nonprofit affordable single-family home developers
- **protect SB 2 homeownership set-aside** ensure the required 20% of money in the Building Homes + Jobs Act Trust Fund is spent on affordable owner-occupied workforce housing
cultivate healthy + vibrant communities of opportunity

Advocate for policymakers to support policies that increase access to thriving communities and to encourage public and private investment.

- **support social enterprise**
  - support funding for community benefit enterprise such as the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

- **support cap + trade regulations**
  - funding the production of affordable homeownership as a byproduct of reducing greenhouse gases

- **protect Prop 1 homeownership set-asides**
  - $1B for the Veterans Home Loan Program; $3M for CalHOME; $1.5M for the Self-Help Housing Program

- **support disaster recovery + rebuild efforts**
  - through Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program + one-time General Fund increase in funding through the CA Disaster Assistance Act in the Governor’s 2020 budget

encourage equitable land use

Advocate for policymakers to support policies that increase equitable access to land and to support legislation that encourages responsible land use and creates incentives.

- **sponsor SB 25 (Caballero)**
  - which streamlines environmental + judicial review for all government subsidized projects

- **sponsor AB 1484 (Grayson)**
  - creating transparency, consistency + accountability for local residential impact fees

- **support EIFDs**
  - increase use of Enhanced Infrastructure Finance Districts + eliminate voter approval for tax increment financing

- **support SB 50 (Wiener)**
  - create incentives for higher-density housing near existing transit + protecting against displacement

- **support CEQA streamlining**
  - legislation limiting frivolous CEQA lawsuits, and ensuring CEQA exemptions to low- + moderate-income developments

- **reform construction defect laws**
  - to increase viability of new condominium construction

- **mitigate heat illness prevention costs**
  - support additional grant funding for eligible nonprofits for costs associated with new OSHA guidelines

- **reduce + limit impact fees**
  - support policies + legislation that reduce financial barriers to construction of affordable housing

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