



CHAPTER REPORT

Fall 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *CALBO's Education Week North* (Burlingame) – September 29-October 2, 2025
- *CALBO's Education Week South* (Costa Mesa) – October 27-30, 2025
- *CALBO's Permit Technician Career Advancement Academy* – October 1 & October 29, 2025
(Education Weeks North and South)
- *IAMPO's 95th Annual Education & Business Conference* (Palm Springs) – Sept 14-18, 2025
- *ICC's Annual Conference* (Cleveland, Ohio) – October 19-22, 2025
- *CALBO's 64th Annual Business Meeting* (Santa Clara) – April 12-16 2026

CALBO GOVERNANCE

- Each ICC California Chapter has been assigned a CALBO Board Member liaison. Board Member liaisons serve as the conduit between local chapters and the CALBO Board. Please look for your CALBO Board Member liaison to be in touch with your chapter.
 - Central Coast – **Ian Livingston**
 - Citrus Belt – **Sara Retmier**
 - Coachella Valley – **Sara Retmier**
 - County Building Officials – **Mike Brinkman & Jeff Janes**
 - East Bay – **Mike Brinkman**
 - Foothill – **Sara Retmier & Addison Smith**
 - High Desert – **Addison Smith**
 - Los Angeles Basin – **Raj Patel & John Weight**
 - Monterey Bay – **Mike Brinkman**
 - Napa/Solano – **Doug Hughes & Chris Ochoa**
 - NorCal FPOs – **Mike Brinkman**
 - Orange Empire – **Raj Patel & Addison Smith**
 - Peninsula – **Mike Brinkman**
 - Redwood Empire – **Doug Hughes**
 - Sacramento Valley – **Doug Hughes & Chris Ochoa**
 - San Diego – **Addison Smith & Raj Patel**
 - San Joaquin Valley – **Jeff Janes**

- Shasta/Cascade – **Doug Hughes**
 - SoCal FPOs – **Raj Patel & John Weight**
 - Ventura – **Ian Livingston**
 - Yosemite – **Mike Brinkman**
- Future ABM plans are underway: Santa Clara – April 12-16, 2026 and Indian Wells – April 26-30, 2027. Registration for CALBO’s 64th Annual Business Meeting (2026) in Santa Clara will open after the first of the year.
 - The CALBO Professional Engagement Committee has launched the [CALBO Career Resource Hub](#), a dedicated space for seasoned and new building safety professionals. Visit the webpage for more resources and tools.
 - The CALBO Professional Engagement Committee hosted its sixth [Virtual Career Expo](#) on April 30, 2025 with Diablo Valley College, an event that provides an opportunity for CALBO members to reach out to the next generation of building safety professionals. This annual event had its highest attendance with over one hundred and fifty attendees.
 - Teach at or have a connection to a California Community College? The committee is planning to expand this event to other campuses. Please download and share the new [CALBO Virtual Career Expo marking packet](#)!
 - The CALBO Access Committee has created a new guidance document entitled [Circulation Paths at Vehicular Traffic Areas](#) based upon the 2022 California Building Code. CALBO thanks the committee for their efforts to provide informative guidance to our community.
 - As part of CALBO’s Industry Spotlight Series, CALBO has partnered with Energy Code Ace to provide free webinars for all members, highlighting the 2025 energy code changes. More information and registration are available at www.calbo.org/energy-code-ace-resources.
 - CALBO thanks the many contributors, presenters, and sponsors who came together to ensure the success of our 63rd Annual Business Meeting in Hollywood. The event was a tremendous success, and we hope those who attended left professionally fulfilled.

ICC GOVERNANCE

- The Western Pacific League of Building Officials (WPLBO) met in Seattle this August to interview all candidates for the ICC Board of Directors. CALBO coordinated the interviews alongside the state associations of Oregon, (Southern) Nevada, and Washington – in addition to the California Fire Prevention Officers and Regions 1 & 2. Following two-days of interviews, CALBO has made the following endorsements:
 - Mike Boso (Grove City, Ohio) – President
 - Steve McDaniel (Corning, New York) – Vice President
 - Mike Savage (Marion County, Florida) – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Jessica Fust (Billings, Montana) – Board Member, Section B
 - David Molnar (Summit County, Ohio) – Board Member, Section D
 - Jack Applegate (Estacada, Oregon) – Board Member, At Large (Incumbent)
 - Andy Higgins (Seattle, Washington) – Board Member, At Large (Incumbent)

- Rachel Parrish (San Antonio, Texas) – Board Member, At Large
- Ben Pothoff (Dubuque, Iowa) – Board Member, At Large
- This is the full list of all CALBO endorsed candidates for the ICC Board of Directors.
- For those attending the ICC Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, Board elections will take place in the morning of Monday, October 20 during the annual business session.
- ICC has developed a webpage specific to the [Board Candidates](#). CALBO highly encourages ICC ABM attendees who plan to vote for ICC Board Members to familiarize yourself with the candidates.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- CALBO Education Weeks are open for registration. We will return to Burlingame (North) September 29-October 2 and Costa Mesa (South) October 27-30. In-person and virtual attendance is available at both venues.
 - Burlingame Registration Deadline: September 18, 2025
 - Costa Mesa Registration Deadline: October 16, 2025
- All courses at Education Weeks will be updated to reflect the significant changes to the codes that will become enforceable January 1, 2026.
- For those interested in volunteering at the Education Weeks, please contact the CALBO office at info@calbo.org for more information about serving as a moderator and/or facilitator. This is a great opportunity to get involved and attend a training for free!
- CALBO has again collaborated with ICC to offer publications for the upcoming code change year; 2025 California Building Code and 2025 California Residential Code. Both publications will be jointly produced. The publications will soon be available in the [ICC Bookstore](#).
- The CALBO Training Institute (CTI) is seeking new instructors and course developers. CTI will help you develop your speaking and listening skills, provide you an opportunity to co-teach with a seasoned instructor to gain hands-on experience in the classroom, learn how to create and implement a course plan, and utilize your knowledge to become a subject matter expert. Look for more information in the 2025-26 CALBO Training Catalog. Contact Lauren Valdez at lhernan@calbo.org with questions.
- The [Permit Technician Career Advancement Academy](#) will launch its third year at the Education Weeks in both Burlingame and Costa Mesa. Academy registration is now available on the CALBO website. Contact the CALBO Office at info@calbo.org with questions or registration assistance.
- The next [Building Officials Leadership Academy](#) will take place in Spring 2026 in Sacramento. Contact the CALBO Office at info@calbo.org with questions and to be added to the waitlist.
- CALBO has laid significant groundwork to launch OnDemand training. Filming will take place in the months ahead with a launch in Q4 of this year. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting new offering.
- CALBO continues to host year-round live two-hour webinars covering topics of accessibility, permit technicians, energy, electrical, and much more! Registration is open for webinar opportunities with more titles released soon.

- Ms. Susan Dowty continues to work with the CALBO team as a special consultant to our community. Susan is assisting with curriculum development, industry outreach, and CALBO's efforts to launch OnDemand training for our members. We are honored to continue to work with Susan and look forward to her many continued contributions to our community.
- Don't forget to bookmark the CALBO Calendar (www.calbo.org/calendar) for up-to-date trainings and event dates, including monthly live webinars. Many courses have been released through February 2026.

CALBO PARTNERS

- CALBO is extremely grateful for the continued partnerships of our CALBO Partners. Their support is invaluable to us and plays a significant role in our ability to advance our goal in becoming a stronger California.
- CALBO would like to recognize the following companies for their participation in the 2025-2026 CALBO Partner Program. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration!
 - Gold Sponsors: **4LEAF, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, CSG Consultants, Inc., Optimum Seismic, and Willdan Engineering**
 - Silver Sponsors: **Clariti, Energy Code Ace, and JAS Pacific**
 - Bronze Sponsors: **International Code Council, Interwest Consulting Group, Shums Coda Associates, Simpson Strong-Tie, and TRB + Associates.**
- CALBO successfully launched the CALBO Partner Program in 2018 which offered annual packages granting special access to CALBO's Education Weeks and Annual Business Meeting Sponsor and Exhibitor Program. Due to its popularity, CALBO is once again offering exclusive sponsorship opportunities to its members. Sponsors can make one payment and streamline their participation in these events for the remainder of the year. Sponsorships run with the membership year: April 1 – March 31. If you would like to receive information on our 2025-2026 program, please contact Anne Jungwirth (ajungwirth@calbo.org).
- CALBO is looking forward in having over two dozen different industry partners join us at the 2025 Education Weeks this Fall. Limited space is available in Costa Mesa. Please contact Anne Jungwirth (ajungwirth@calbo.org) for more information.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- CALBO is offering monthly On-Demand video legislative presentations, located on the CALBO website under [Legislative Presentations](#). This is a great resource to share with all members highlighting key bills affecting the building safety industry.
- CALBO's positions are available in real time on [CALBO's website](#).
- In May, CALBO hosted our annual *Leadership and Advocacy Day*. Over two dozen CALBO members met with 42 state legislative offices to discuss the building industry and current

bills of interest. We look forward in hosting *Leadership and Advocacy Day* again in May 2026.

AB 306/AB 750/AB 130

- Most CALBO members are aware of AB 130, the budget trailer bill that was hastily signed by Governor Newsom on June 30, 2025. The 212-page bill included large-scale policies that impact local jurisdictions that were inserted literally overnight. The bill has been signed and is enforceable.
- **Provisions from AB 306 (effective October 1, 2025) include:**
 - **From October 1, 2025 – June 1, 2031: Prohibits local cities and counties from modifying residential building standards, except, as specified:**
 - Local residential standards filed and effective by September 30, 2025
 - Local residential standards relate to home hardening (wildfire mitigation)
 - In times of declared emergency
 - **Triennial code adoption cycle preserved**
 - No changes to 2025 or 2028 California code adoptions
 - Restrictions imposed at state level on residential construction past required California amendments to model codes
 - **Permanent change to the Intervening Cycle (18 months)**
 - Changes limited to:
 - Editorial changes
 - Emergency standards
 - Incorporating errata from model codes
 - Chapter 7A/WUI
 - Extended approval of 10-years for all residential plans for homebuilders regardless of code the plans were approved under
 - Still does not apply to commercial construction – there will be two separate codes to enforce as of October 1, 2025.
 - CALBO highly encourages all local jurisdictions to work with your legal representatives on how these provisions apply to your community.
- **Provisions from AB 750 (now enforceable) that were inserted into AB 130 include:**
 - Requires all local jurisdictions to inspect homeless shelters annually – with or without notice
 - Local jurisdictions must compile an annual report relative to shelters in the district with data on complaints received and violations assessed
 - State funding for shelters can now be withheld, at the local and state level, for non-compliance with applicable health and safety codes

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/BILLS OF INTEREST

Full summaries of each bill are available in real time on [CALBO's website](#)

The State Legislature is completing (September 12) the first year of a two-year session. This means that several bills that were proposed in 2025, but failed passage prior to September 12, 2025, may be acted upon in 2026 during the second session year.

Within 2025, here are two measures that are still of priority interest to CALBO members:

[AB 253](#): Entitled the *California Residential Private Permitting Review Act*, AB 253 would authorize a residential permit applicant to retain a private plans examiner (of their selection) should the permit take 30+ days to obtain from the local jurisdiction. CALBO has unsuccessfully engaged the author heavily with suggested amendments. CALBO continues to Oppose.

[AB 671](#) – Extends the existing *Permit Streamlining Act* to accelerate restaurant approvals. Specifically, AB 671 would create a new process specific to restaurants that would require a local jurisdiction to allow a permit applicant to hire a “qualified professional certifier” (as defined) to certify plans for renovation. AB 671 also tightens the deadline to 20 days for a local building department to act upon an application and deems it approved at 20 days should local action not occur. CALBO continues to Oppose AB 671.

Here are a few victories CALBO had in 2025, which kept certain policies from moving forward:

[AB 6](#) – would have convened a working group to consider redefining “multifamily.” The bill died in Senate Appropriations and is not expected to return next year.

[AB 339](#) – specifies circumstances where local governments must first notify internal labor organizations of any work, gaging interest, prior to disseminating RFPs to outside contractors. The author accepted CALBO’s amendments and now AB 339 specifically exempts the work of local planning, development, and building departments. AB 339 is still an active bill, but given the amendments, CALBO is Neutral on AB 339.

[AB 557](#) – entitled the “California Factory-Built Housing Law” failed passage this year, AB 557 would have taken control away from local jurisdictions when it comes to approval of factory-built projects. Although AB 557 is stalled for 2025, It will likely be considered next year. CALBO was Opposed to AB 557.

[AB 1206](#) – As proposed, AB 1206 would have taken a page out of the ADU bill (AB 1332 of 2023) requiring preapproved single-family and multi-family residential housing plans to be created and availed by local jurisdictions. AB 1206 has failed passage from the Senate Appropriations committee. However, AB 1206 could easily come back next year. CALBO was Opposed to AB 1206.

[AB 1308](#) – Originally, AB 1308 would have allowed residential permit applications to self-select third party consultants to complete work under specified circumstances. AB 1308 was amended in July, at CALBO’s push, to significantly change the bill from allowing permit applicants to hire third party consultants of their choice to requiring inspections to occur within 10 business days. Not the best bill of the session, but enough to allow CALBO to move Neutral. At this time, AB 1308 is still an active bill but it’s future is still unknown for this year.

[SB 282](#) – As proposed, similar to SolarApp+ from two years ago, SB 282 would create an automated permitting system that would be required of local jurisdictions but apply it to residential heat pumps. CALBO Opposed SB 282. The bill failed passage from Assembly Appropriations, but could always come back next year.