



NAIOP SoCal Issues Statement on Introduction of AB 1000 Legislation Again Amounts to a Statewide Ban on Warehouses

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NAIOP SoCal CEO Timothy Jemal today issued the following comments in response to the introduction of AB 1000 by California State Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gómez Reyes:

"Assemblymember Reyes has again introduced legislation, AB 1000, that would effectively ban the construction of any warehouse or logistics facility in the state of California that are within 1,000 ft. of a 'sensitive receptor.' AB 1000 will kill jobs, curb critically needed housing, usurp local control, harm the supply chain and worsen emissions due to more vehicle miles traveled. NAIOP SoCal is strongly opposed to AB 1000.

"In 2022, NAIOP SoCal led the opposition to similar legislation, AB 2840, by generating thousands of emails and phone calls to state legislators in opposition to the bill. The NAIOP SoCal leadership team made several trips to Sacramento at pivotal moments in the legislative process to stop AB 2840 from reaching the Governor's desk. We will, again, need strong grassroots support of our members and close collaboration with other associations including the California Business Properties Association (CBPA) and California Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, we will continue to partner with our allies in organized labor and other community groups in educating lawmakers on the harm AB 1000 would do to Southern California's vibrant logistics hub.

"In February 2023, NAIOP SoCal led a successful delegation to our State Capitol where we met with over 30 State Legislators - including several Members newly elected to the Senate and Assembly - to amplify the voice of Southern California commercial real estate with key decision-makers. Our message included educating state lawmakers on the importance of Southern California warehouses and logistics centers efficiently moving goods to markets across the state and nation," said Jemal.

NAIOP SoCal Legislative Affairs Committee Co-Chairs TJ Bard of The Abbey Company and Courtney Smith of Newcastle Partners said the following:

"AB 1000 would undo years of investments into permits, construction and project development by thousands of firms across the State of California. AB 1000 would also jeopardize the 865,000 employees in Southern California who work in the logistics, transportation, and material moving sectors.

"Emissions continue to be reduced and we strongly support decarbonization of the goods movement and logistics industries. We are ready to work with legislators and local elected officials on solutions that sustain jobs, strengthen the supply chain, reduce emissions, support local control, and benefit the community," said Bard and Smith.

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