



## SUMMARY

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AB 2433 addresses the lengthy delays in the building permit process by introducing flexibility in fee structures, inspection timelines, and the conditional utilization of private professional services.

## BACKGROUND

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Over the past decade, many factors have contributed to prolonged processing times of building permits. This challenge has only been exacerbated by recent events such as the Great Recession and the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the retirement of older, experienced personnel and the ongoing difficulty of hiring qualified replacements.

Currently, many agencies are unable to process permits within a reasonable and predictable period of time, creating undue hardship and costs on applicants.

Small businesses in particular are often penalized and forced to bear costs and delays that they cannot afford while other businesses are dis-incentivized to seek permits of new residential or commercial projects, thus discouraging investment in neighborhoods.

Affordable housing projects and disadvantaged communities, which require efficient use of capital, are particularly harmed by these added undue costs and delays, further hindering investment precisely when it is needed most.

## SOLUTION

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AB 2433 streamlines the building permit process in California by implementing common-sense

and fair deadlines for plan-checking and inspections.

Designed to address the bureaucratic delays that frequently obstruct construction and development projects, AB 2433:

- Improves the efficiency of local government operations by establishing clear timelines for permit processing, fostering a more predictable and efficient environment for economic growth.
- Establishes conditional use of private professionals for plan-checking and inspections if a local agency fails to meet the deadlines set forth in the legislation. This provision ensures that engaging private professionals acts as a safeguard against delays, reinforcing the commitment to maintaining project timelines without undermining the primary responsibility of local agencies.
- Carefully exempts significant projects, such as those involving health facilities, public buildings, and high-rise structures, from these provisions, while upholding and maintaining rigorous safety and oversight standards.

## SUPPORT

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- NAIOP California (Sponsors)
- California Business Properties Association
- Building Office Managers Association

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