



Government affairs update for the week of February 8, 2026

Scratch that Politics Podcast Itch

The latest episode of the California Association of REALTORS (C.A.R.) politics podcast digs into an effort to create middle-income homeownership opportunities.

The [Unlocking California Politics Podcast](#) features C.A.R.'s Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Sanjay Wagle in conversation with former Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Robert Hertzberg about the Middle-Class Homeownership and Family Home Construction Act. The proposed statewide ballot measure would address barriers facing the next generation of potential homeowners.

Meanwhile, in Washington DC. . .

This week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the [Housing for the 21st Century Act](#), a bipartisan housing package designed to increase housing supply, expand homeownership access, and modernize federal housing policy.

The legislation aims to streamline zoning and permitting, invest in infrastructure that supports housing development, and improve programs like the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. It also includes provisions to boost construction workforce development and incentivize the conversion of commercial properties into residential housing.

If you have any questions about Bay East advocacy activities or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, contact [David Stark](#), Bay East Chief Public Affairs and Communications Officer.

