

CALL TO ACTION TOOLKIT

Cap & Trade Negotiations and AHSC Funding

Context: The Governor's recently released May Revise Budget Proposal included a proposal for Cap and Trade extension - **but it does not commit to maintaining a continuous appropriation for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.** Currently, AHSC receives a 20% continuous appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, providing significant funding for integrated housing and transportation projects across California. AHSC is currently the only meaningful ongoing source of funding for affordable housing in the state. With no new money for affordable housing production proposed in the Governor's revised May budget, protecting AHSC's 20% continuous appropriations is more important than ever, to ensure that affordable housing production does not grind to a halt.

Share your questions and any feedback you hear with Sally Greenspan at sgreenspan@enterprisecommunity.org and Amiel Leaño Atanacio at atanacio@enterprisecommunity.org.

Resources

- [Housing and Transportation Coalition Letter for Cap & Trade](#)
- [2025 AHSC Two-Pager](#)
- [2025 AHSC Report](#)

1. SIGN ON TO THE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COALITION LETTER FOR CAP & TRADE

2. EMAIL PRIORITY LEGISLATORS TO PRIORITIZE CAP & TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORT ONGOING FUNDING FOR AHSC

3. EMAIL THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT A CONTINUED 20% ALLOCATION FOR AHSC IN CAP & TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SIGN ON TO THE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COALITION LETTER FOR CAP & TRADE.

As leaders in Sacramento gear-up to negotiate the reauthorization of Cap and Trade, and likely the programs funded through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), it is critical for us to stand together to uplift the importance of affordable housing and sustainable transportation as key greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

- Please sign on to the Housing and Transportation Coalition Letter [using this form.](#)

2. EMAIL LEGISLATORS TO PRIORITIZE CAP & TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORT ONGOING FUNDING FOR AHSC

We need to rally support in the Assembly and Senate to ensure that we maintain a 20% allocation for AHSC from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the Cap & Trade negotiations. Here's how to do it quickly and easily:

- We've identified the following priority legislators that play a critical role in Cap & Trade negotiations. Email both the **Chief of Staff** and the **Legislative Director**. For Asm Bennett, email the **Chief of Staff** and **Committee Consultant**. Alternatively, if you have an existing relationship with other staff that work for the Legislator, or with the Legislator themselves, reach out to them – existing relationships are always the best!

Legislator	Chief of Staff	Legislative Director	Committee Consultant
Speaker Robert Rivas	liz.snow@asm.ca.gov	myesha.jackson@asm.ca.gov	
Pro Tem Mike McGuire	rebecca.wachsberg@sen.ca.gov	kimberly.rodriguez@sen.ca.gov	
Asm Jacqui Irwin	brett.williams@asm.ca.gov	brandon.bjerke@asm.ca.gov	
Asm Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	elise.gyore@asm.ca.gov	estefani.avila@asm.ca.gov	
Asm Lori Wilson	taylor.woolfork@asm.ca.gov	mark.rossow@asm.ca.gov	
Asm Steve Bennett	arwen.chenery@asm.ca.gov		Genevieve.morelos@asm.ca.gov
Sen Ben Allen	tina.andolina@sen.ca.gov	laurel.brodzinsky@sen.ca.gov	
Sen Henry Stern	brendan.murphy@sen.ca.gov	gil.topete@sen.ca.gov	

- Draft your email. Below is a template to get started, but always personalize the voice and perspective to best reflect yourself and your organization.
- Send your email and check it off your to-do list!

Email Template

Subject: Support AHSC in Cap & Trade Negotiations

Hi [Member/Staff Contact(s)],

[Your Organization's Name] respectfully urges [Legislator's Name] to support a continued 20% allocation for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program in Cap and Trade negotiations. AHSC provides California's largest source of stable, ongoing funding for affordable housing through its continuous appropriation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, making it critical to achieving the state's climate, equity and housing goals.

The AHSC program funds integrated public investments that include affordable housing, transportation, urban greening, and community programming, all with the ultimate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Over the course of the program, AHSC has helped avoid 5.7 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, funded over 20,000 affordable homes, and provided over 28,000 transit passes for residents. Residents of AHSC developments benefit from an average of \$10,566 in rent savings each year. AHSC's proven track record demonstrates that climate solutions and affordability can go hand in hand.

AHSC is a priority for our organization because [brief note about the need and/or impact of the AHSC program, such as the need you see in your work/community, projects in the pipeline in need of funds, etc.] For these reasons and more, we respectfully urge the legislator to support a continued 20% allocation for AHSC from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in Cap and Trade negotiations.

3. EMAIL THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO SUPPORT A CONTINUED 20% ALLOCATION FOR AHSC IN CAP & TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

We need the Governor's support to ensure that AHSC continues to receive a 20% allocation from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Here's how to do it quickly and easily:

- Email the Governor's Office at leg.unit@gov.ca.gov. Alternatively, if you have an existing relationship with other staff that work in the Governor's Office, reach out to them – existing relationships are always the best!
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- Look up who your legislators are ([handy look-up tool here](#)) and then find the names and emails of their Chief of Staff and their Legislative Director [here](#) (FYI there are separate tabs for Senate and Assembly). Email both the **Chief of Staff** and the **Legislative Director**. Alternatively, if you have an existing relationship with other staff that work for the Legislator, or with the Legislator themselves, reach out to them – existing relationships are always the best!
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