

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the HBA?

*The Home Builders Association of Kern County* is a builder trade association that draws its membership from those who work in the residential and commercial construction industry or who provide building related services to those firms. It provides a forum through which these businesses can work together to keep informed regarding new and proposed policies advanced by the local, state and federal governments which affect the housing industry.

### What does the HBA do locally?

The Association acts as a source of timely and reliable information concerning the state of the local building industry. The Association works to eliminate overly restrictive and costly building laws and regulations that drive up the cost of housing. The HBA builder member is committed to offering the highest quality product at the most affordable price.

The HBA provides organized leadership and representation in local governmental matters affecting the building industry. HBA members have a full time advocate watching local government on behalf of builders throughout the county. The Association has made itself a front line participant in the activities of local government and is continually monitoring laws and ordinances, developed on the local levels, that could affect the cost of housing and the cost of development, even the ability to build.

### What does the HBA do statewide and nationally?

Just as the local HBA monitors the local government, becoming a member of the Home Builders Association, through membership dues payment, you are also a member of the California Building Industry Association, that watches state legislation affecting the industry, and the National Association of Home Builders, which monitors national issues affecting the building industry. By becoming a member of the HBA, the individual is a part of a strong united organization of builders and associates that maintain a strong voice, speaking out to protect and further the building industry.

### What is the BIPAC?

The HBA maintains a Political Action Committee fund, which is used by the Association to support political candidates that are supportive of the goals of the industry. Through funding support and lobbying efforts, the association keeps itself close to the city and county elected officials working for the betterment of the housing industry and the community, as well as, through building a quality and affordable product.



# WHAT HAS HBA DONE FOR ITS MEMBERS LATELY?

- **Restored \$12 million in funding** for Kern County builders through the CHFA School Fee Rebate Program
- **Continue to save home builders over \$1 million per year** in higher, alternative school impact fees imposed under S.B. 50.
- **Worked tirelessly to save BIAKC member companies in excess of \$40 Million in impact fees** in the City of Bakersfield, especially in school facility fees in eight separate school districts in Metropolitan Bakersfield.
- **Saved Builder Members in Bakersfield, Delano and Arvin over \$400,000 in school fees in one year alone!**
- **Defeated numerous local anti-growth measures**, including a Tulare-style rural valley lands plan, a moratorium on new subdivisions in West Bakersfield, and an agricultural element in the General Plan update.
- **HBA participates in the Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement (VAMA)** which satisfies FHA Fair Housing requirements and simplifies reporting requirements for all Builder Members.
- **Saves Builder Members 8 to 25 percent** on their State Fund Workers Compensation policy premiums.
- **Worked with the Joint Legislative Conference Committee of the California State Legislature to appropriate \$50 Million for CalHFA fee rebates to home builders.** The bill was passed by the Assembly and Senate, and approved by voters in November, 2002.
- **Helped amend Federal law** to allow use of FHA-insured mortgages for homes built to the east of Arvin that were categorized incorrectly as a high flood-risk area.
- **Successfully litigated against the first California school district attempting to implement fees under Senate Bill 50.** HBA obtained an admission from the district that the fees were illegal and unjustified, and the **settlement forced refunds to HBA member builders exceeding \$250,000.**
- **Saved builders and developers \$200,000 per year** by shifting all costs expended on County Planning Commission to the General Fund.
- **Successfully worked with the City of Bakersfield in amending an antiquated and restrictive agricultural element** that was proposed as part of the Metropolitan General Plan five-year update.
- **Thanks to you, our new members,** HBA of Kern County has been the fastest-growing chapter in California since 2002!

# HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY

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## Membership Application

Applicant Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of employees \_\_\_\_\_

Company's Main Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Address, including city/zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

*(Information, except cell phone number, is published in the membership roster unless member notes otherwise.)*

### Membership Classification

Builder / Developer

Associate

### Membership Fee Schedule

Annual Investment	\$ <u>600.00</u>
Builder Assessment Fee ( <i>see reverse</i> )	\$ _____
PAC Contribution ( <i>voluntary</i> )	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Processing Fee ( <i>one time charge*</i> )	\$ _____
Total Association Investment	\$ <u>700.00</u>

Sponsor(*company or individual who recommended us to you*) \_\_\_\_\_

### Committee Participation

I am interested in more information about joining the following **committee(s)**: (please circle)

BIPAC      Legislative Affairs      Annual Dinner and Gala      Annual Golf Tournament

### Company Description for the Newsletter

In 25 words or less, please give us a statement about your business which we may reproduce in our Association newsletter, i.e. business philosophy, explanation of products or services, etc.

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*Dues payments to HBA of Kern County are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payment may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expense, subject to an exclusion for lobbying activity. Because a portion of your dues is used for lobbying by NAHB, CBIA and HBA of Kern County, 44% of the total dues for Associate Members and 46% of the total dues for Builder Members are not deductible for income tax purposes.*

**SUPPORT THE INDUSTRY THAT SUPPORTS YOU...**  
**Standing alone, you are "a voice in the dark." By joining with other members you are ensured a say in issues that directly affect your business.**

## Home Builders Association of Kern County

### Builder and Land Development Assessment Schedule

*(does not apply to Associate memberships)*

*(Total charges for dues and fees not to exceed \$25,700 per member, per year)*

Type of Construction	Subdivision / Parcel Map (Payable Upon Map Recordation)	Building / Development (Payable Upon Issuance of Building Permit)
Single family dwellings PUDs, Condos	\$25.00 / lot	\$265.00 per unit: .1% (.001) of the unit sales price determined January 1 based on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter HOI medium home price for Kern County not to exceed \$25,000 annually
Apartments	\$70.00 / acre R-2, R-3 or greater zones	\$20.00 / unit
Commercial & Industrial	\$120.00 / acre	1/10 <sup>th</sup> of 1% of permit value; not to exceed \$265.00
Remodel & Rehab	N/A	\$20.00 / unit

Members who are owners of record or have an interest in any joint ventures, partnerships or corporate entities, which are engaged in building or developing, shall also comply with this policy. There shall be no duplication of payment nor shall the aggregate amounts paid for annual membership dues and building assessments exceed \$18,150.00 per member, per year.

This is to certify that I understand and shall comply with the foregoing membership requirements of the Home Builders Association of Kern County.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant** **Date**

\*Processing fees can be charged for all late annual renewal memberships.

#### ***The Telephone Consumer Protection Act***

*The Telephone Consumer Protection Act requires your signed written consent in order to receive faxes, e-mails, regular mail, and telephone calls prior to sending you correspondence such as, but not limited to, event notices, fundraising notices, sponsorship invitations, RFP solicitations. By signing below, you have the option to:*

*I understand that by providing my mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers, I consent to receive communications sent by or on behalf of the Home Builders Association of Kern County, California Building Industry Association and the National Association of Home Builders, via regular mail, e-mail, telephone or fax. I understand these associations will not share my information with other organizations.*

*My preferred method of communication is;       e-mail  fax                       mail                       telephone*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# HBA/CBIA/NAHB Membership Classifications

*Please complete and submit to the HBA of Kern County with your application.*

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Activities	# of Employees	Title
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Other Classifications (please specify)

Please enter the most important business activities from the list of codes below (enter up to 3 different codes).  
 Note: For "other" associate (code Z), you must fill in the blank for Other Business Classification.

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| <p><b>Builder Member Classification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Single Family Spec/Tract Building</li> <li>B1 Single Family General Contracting</li> <li>B2 Single Family Custom Building</li> <li>C Multifamily Building (Condo/Coop Units)</li> <li>D Multifamily Building/Ownership (Rental Units)</li> <li>E Multifamily General Contracting</li> <li>F Remodeling – Residential</li> <li>G Remodeling – Commercial</li> <li>H Commercial Building (Own Account)</li> <li>I Commercial General Contracting</li> <li>J Land Development</li> <li>K Manufacturing of Modular/Panelized/Log Homes</li> </ul> <p><b>Subcontractors &amp; Specialty Trade Contractors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W1 Carpentry Work</li> <li>W2 Electrical Work</li> <li>W3 Masonry, Stone Work, Tile Setting, Plastering</li> <li>W4 Landscaping</li> <li>W5 Plumbing, Heating &amp; Air Conditioning</li> <li>W6 Roofing, Siding and Sheet Metal Work</li> <li>W7 Painting and Paper Hanging</li> <li>W8 Floor Laying &amp; Other Floor Work</li> <li>W9 Concrete Work</li> <li>WA Excavation Work</li> <li>WC Land Surveyor</li> <li>WD Security System</li> <li>WZ Other Subcontractor (Specify)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Associate Member Classification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>L Accounting</li> <li>M1 Architecture</li> <li>M2 Engineering</li> <li>M3 Planner or Designer</li> <li>N Legal Services</li> <li>O Computer Products &amp; Services</li> <li>P1 Commercial Banking/Thrift Inst.</li> <li>P2 Mortgage Banking</li> <li>Q Insurance or Title Company</li> <li>R Marketing, Advertising or Public Relations</li> <li>S Building Material Manufacturing</li> <li>T Property Management</li> <li>U Real Estate</li> <li>Y Utilities</li> <li>Z Other (Specify)</li> </ul> <p><b>Retail Dealers/Distributors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V1 Appliances</li> <li>V2 Building Materials/Lumber</li> <li>V3 Floor Coverings</li> <li>V4 Paint/Wall Coverings</li> <li>V5 Other Retail Dealership (Specify)</li> </ul> <p><b>Wholesale Dealers/Distributor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>X1 Appliances</li> <li>X2 Building Materials/Lumber</li> <li>X3 Floor Coverings</li> <li>X4 Paint/Wall Coverings</li> <li>X5 Other Wholesale Dealership (Specify)</li> </ul> |
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**Total Paid Employees:**  
 Enter the total employees in the blanks provided. Include the member in your total figure.

- Business Title (Use the following codes):**
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| 1. President/CEO       | 4. Sales & Marketing Manager/Director | 7. Owner, Principal or Partner |  |
| 2. VP/General Manager  | 5. Architect, Designer or Engineer    | 8. Other (Specify)             |  |
| 3. Construction Super. | 6. Financial Manager/Director         |                                |  |

