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CBPA APPLAUDS FIRST GREEN BUILDING CODE IN NATION

Progressive Standards will Assure California Buildings Remain Most Sustainable in the Nation

(Sacramento, CA) – California Business Properties Association (CBPA), representing more than 10,000 companies in the commercial, industrial, and retail real estate industry, applauds the action taken today by the California Building Standards Commission (BSC), to adopt the first set of statewide “green” building codes in the nation.

In response to market-based demands and the growing trend to build ever more sustainable and energy efficient buildings, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger challenged interested parties to come together and craft a set of green building codes. CBPA and many of its affiliated groups accepted the challenge and have provided the BSC with technical comment and feedback throughout the process. The standards provide a mix of mandatory residential codes and optional commercial codes to guide the building industry to strict statewide sustainable building standards.

Rex S. Hime, President and CEO of CBPA stated, “Our industry is proud that in this state we are already building some of the most efficient buildings in the nation. A new building built in California is almost fifty-percent more energy efficient and emits half the greenhouse gasses of the national average. Now, the state has adopted the first set of green building codes in the nation which will continue to move us towards a more sustainable built environment.”

CBPA will immediately begin working within the public process at the BCS to determine which of the initial green building features, as well as additional features, should become part of the 2009 code.

“Our members applaud the Governor for his leadership in encouraging our industry to adopt feasible and cost effective technologies that ultimately will produce some of the most sustainable buildings in the nation. Adopting these codes through the existing iterative standards process is the best and quickest way to bring about this monumental change,” stated Hime.

California Business Properties Association (CBPA) serves as the legislative and regulatory advocate for individual companies as well as the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) California chapters, Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), Building Owners and Managers Association of California (BOMA California), California Downtown Association (CDA), Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), and CCIM of Northern California making CBPA the recognized voice of the commercial, industrial, and retail real estate industry in California. For more information please visit: www.cbpa.com.

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