

Message From The Chair



Bill Savidge, C.A.S.H. Chair

Funding School Construction Projects Creates Jobs

ground when the state matches funding contributed by local school districts. These projects have completed the CEQA process and have received all of the state approvals necessary to start construction and put people to work.

In fact, C.A.S.H. estimates that once funded these school construction projects will employ over 70,000 jobs statewide. Additionally, there is nearly \$1.5 billion worth of school construction projects that are waiting state processing within the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) that when expedited for approval and funded will create an additional 50,000 jobs statewide.


C.A.S.H. believes that making public school construction a priority for

economic recovery and jobs creation is a wise choice. To make this priority a reality, C.A.S.H. is urging the Governor and Legislature to sell the education bonds approved by the voters and to fund these projects immediately – we simply cannot

afford to delay funding for these critical infrastructure projects that put people to work and meet the educational housing needs of California's students.

To ensure that our concerns are heard by decision-makers, C.A.S.H. has submitted letters to the Governor, all members of the Legislature and the State

Allocation Board. In addition to that, we have created a letter template to assist our members in contacting their local newspapers, and distributed a press release to all major California media markets. It is imperative that you help in this effort by contacting your legislative representatives and writing to your local media outlets to urge them to sell the education bonds approved by the voters and to fund these projects immediately.

Finally, we urge you to attend the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference, February 22nd – 25th in Sacramento where there will be many opportunities to learn more about the current status of state school construction and modernization funding. While you are in Sacramento at the Conference, we urge you to take the opportunity to meet with your legislators to let them know the importance of funding these projects to local communities and the economy. 

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The Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.) is pleased with the Governor's stated priority of creating jobs by expediting shovel-ready construction projects in his proposed budget. C.A.S.H. believes that this support for infrastructure investment is vital to get California's economy back on track.

California schools have nearly \$2 billion worth of school construction projects that can put shovels in the



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