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National Voice

Congress Passed ROAD to Housing Act; Trump Canceled Bill Signing

Congress passed the bipartisan 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act on June 22 by an overwhelming bipartisan majority. The bill aims to increase housing supply, reduce development barriers, and expand homeownership opportunities, but provides little public money for housing development. The legislation would:

- reauthorize the HOME Investment Partnership Program with a set-aside for Community Housing Development Organizations — a long-term COA priority;
- streamline federal regulatory processes, including land, permitting, and environmental reviews;
- redefine manufactured housing, making it faster and cheaper to build;
- relax banking and regulatory provisions that limit investments in housing and community development;
- provide federal incentives for states and localities to zone more densely and speed up development timelines.

If the President does not sign the housing bill into law within the next few days, it would still become law unless he were to veto it. Congress has the power to override a presidential veto.

[See What's Inside the Deal](#)

Broad Coalition Tells Congress to Pass the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act



COA Executive Director Frank Woodruff and members of the Neighborhood Homes Coalition held six meetings with Senate and House leadership.

The [Neighborhood Homes Coalition](#) went to Capitol Hill on June 24 to advocate for passage of the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act by year-end. This bipartisan bill would create a tax credit to expand homeownership supply and revitalize neighborhoods and small towns. More than 50 national organizations support the legislation, including housing nonprofits, financial institutions, and trade associations.

Convening

U.S. Community Development Associations Will Convene in Providence, RI



On August 24–26, state and regional community development association professionals from across the country will gather in Providence, Rhode Island for three days of peer learning and national perspective. The agenda includes sessions on workforce housing, federal policy, Opportunity Zones, insurance challenges, state and local policy wins, small business ecosystems, and many more. Co-hosted by the Housing Network of Rhode Island, the Summit will feature local community development tours. Registration is open through August 7.

[Explore Sessions, Speakers & Tours](#)

Opportunity Zones 2.0: What's Changed and How to Engage

Opportunity Zones (OZs) are federally designated, low-income census tracts where private investors can get generous tax incentives. New OZ designations will take effect in January. Community development organizations can help ensure investments align with local priorities and create lasting benefits. Our Executive Director Frank Woodruff and Jeremy Carter of NALCAB wrote a *Shelterforce* op-ed to explain what changed and why community development organizations should be at the table.

The COA Summit features the session, [Opportunity Zones 2.0: Shaping the Next Decade of Community Investment](#). It will provide strategies for influencing tract selection and partnering with mission-aligned investors. COA will also host a November 16-17 convening in San Antonio, Texas. Participants will engage with investors, program experts, and local government officials to learn about creating affordable housing and economic opportunity in OZs.

Members

California Coalition Shields Immigrant Businesses from ICE Disruption

The California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA) launched SECURE CA with three national partners — the National Small Business Advocacy Council, Insight Center for Community Economic Development, and the National Immigration Law Center. This statewide initiative is working to enhance California’s economic resilience to immigration-related disruptions affecting businesses, workers, and communities.

SECURE CA’s Michael Browning will speak at the COA Summit during the session titled, [Community Recovery After Immigration Enforcement Actions](#). He will be joined on the mainstage by community development association leaders from Minneapolis and Washington, DC.

Learn About SECURE CA

Research

Field Report Released — Managing Multiple Business Lines

Community-based development organizations increasingly operate across multiple sectors — combining housing, economic development, health, and other services. Little field-wide guidance has existed on how to do this well. COA commissioned a new report to address that gap.

[Multiple Business Lines in Community-Based Development Organizations](#), authored by Third Space Action Lab, explores why organizations pursue integrated approaches and what organizational infrastructure makes them work. The report finds that multiple business lines function as strategic responses to interconnected community challenges. Success requires specific organizational conditions.

Key Findings & Recommendations



New Research Fellow Joins the COA Team

Noa Sadeh joined the Community Opportunity Alliance as a Research Fellow on June 15, beginning a year-long placement through the Illinois State University Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development. She is pursuing a master's degree in Sociology. Sadeh will support COA research initiatives and contribute to the Capacity Building working group. Before graduate school, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia.

[Read Noa Sadeh's Bio](#)

Funding

[Unrestricted Grants for AI-Driven Community Innovation](#)

OpenAI Foundation | *Deadline: July 15*

The 2026 People-First AI Fund will support trusted, local nonprofits that are co-creating with communities and exploring how practical, community-led engagement with AI can reduce barriers to services and information, expand opportunity, and elevate community voice and participation.

Members Can Get Weekly Funding Alerts Through GrantStation

The *GrantStation Insider* is available to COA members at no cost. The weekly publication highlights national, regional, and federal funding opportunities. Non-members can access it with a \$25 donation.

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