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In Case You Missed It:

Sacramento Bee, Los Angeles Newspaper Group and Riverside Press-Enterprise Call on Legislature to Apply CEQA Reforms Statewide, not just for Sacramento Arena

SACRAMENTO – In recent editorials, the *Sacramento Bee*, *Riverside Press-Enterprise* and the *Los Angeles Newspaper Group: Los Angeles Daily News, Long Beach Press-Telegram, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star-News, Whittier Daily News, Torrance Daily Breeze, San Bernardino Sun, and Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* strongly urged the legislature to pass comprehensive and meaningful CEQA reforms that benefit worthy projects across the state. These newspapers called on Senator Steinberg and all legislators to advance CEQA reforms that benefit projects statewide, not just changes for one project.

These editorials are only a few of many [newspapers](#) throughout California that have editorialized in favor of meaningful CEQA reform this year.

Sacramento Bee, Editorial, September 3, 2013, [“Fix CEQA, end carve-outs for special projects.”](#)

- “Too often CEQA is exploited to stop good projects. Opponents who care nothing about the environment use the threat of CEQA lawsuits to leverage better labor deals or thwart a competitor.”
- “If Steinberg’s end run around CEQA is good for Sacramento – and it may well be – it should be good for the entire state.”
- “Why not make a more permanent fix to CEQA – so we don’t have to keep debating this laudable but easily abused law, year after year?”

Los Angeles News Group, Editorial, September 3, 2013, [“Clock is running out for real CEQA reform”](#)

- “Further delay in updating the landmark environmental law would be bad news up and down the state, where projects no less important than a basketball arena have been tripped up by abuses of CEQA.”
- “The right bill would simplify CEQA’s provisions, remove duplications of environmental laws, restrict last-minute legal challenges and improve transparency.”
- “Californians should accept nothing less than a serious effort by lawmakers to get meaningful reform done now, not put it off for yet another year.”

Riverside Press Enterprise, Editorial, September 3, 2013, [“Arena exemption, no; streamline CEQA, yes.”](#)

- “The Legislature should streamline and clarify the state’s overly complex, often ambiguous environmental law. And the reforms should benefit the entire state, not just offer aid to projects with political pull.”

- “The state needs a law that protects the environment without bogging planning decisions in bureaucratic tangles and legal wrangling. A state worried about high unemployment and a fragile economy should not abide arbitrary roadblocks to economic growth.”

About the CEQA Working Group:

The [CEQA Working Group](#) is a broad coalition representing business, schools, hospitals, clean tech, transit, affordable housing and other organizations that are pushing for moderate reforms to CEQA that will preserve its original intent – environmental protection and public disclosure – while eliminating some of the misuses of CEQA that hurt job creation, community renewal and our environment. Follow us on Twitter: [@FixCEQA](#)