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## **In Case You Missed It: *Los Angeles News Group* and *Bakersfield Californian* Reiterate Support for CEQA Reform this Year**

SACRAMENTO – The *Bakersfield Californian* and seven newspapers from the *Los Angeles Newspaper Group* including the *Los Angeles Daily News*, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, *Pasadena Star-News*, *Whittier Daily News*, *Torrance Daily Breeze* editorialized a second time about how CEQA reform is needed.

Below are excerpts from the editorials. Full editorials can be read [here](#).

### **Los Angeles News Group, May 2, 2013, [“CEQA reform moves forward but real obstacles lie ahead”](#)**

- “Serious changes are needed to stop local governments, agricultural land owners, business rivals and labor unions from exploiting CEQA to block or delay projects they don't like for reasons that may have nothing to do with concerns about the effects on air, water, wildlife and residents' quality of life.”

### **Bakersfield Californian, May 3, 2013, [“Progress on correcting CEQA's flaws”](#)**

- “CEQA is a critical and necessary piece of legislation that protects California's varied and fragile environment and ecosystem from abuse, overdevelopment and environmental harm. But when NIMBYs (not in my backyard) use it to stall projects that do not negatively impact the land, CEQA has been misused.”
- “Steinberg's proposal isn't quite ready to go -- he says he hopes to reach an acceptable middle ground. But, based on his initial draft, it will be a significant improvement on the borderline dysfunction of the original.”

### **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](#)