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Governor Brown / Neel Kashkari Agree on One Thing: CEQA Reform is Needed

SACRAMENTO — Though they didn't agree on much during last night's gubernatorial debate, both candidates did agree on one thing: Governor Jerry Brown and Neel Kashkari acknowledged the need to reform California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). See 27:10 mark of [last night's debate](#).

"There is near universal agreement that CEQA is a good law that needs to be modernized," said **Carl Guardino, President & CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and member of the CEQA Working Group**. "Legislative changes are needed to update CEQA so that we maintain its original intent – environmental protection – while stamping out abuses of the law that are hindering vital job creation and environmentally friendly projects. We look forward to working with lawmakers in 2015 to accomplish this important priority for California."

About the CEQA Working Group: The CEQA Working Group is a broad coalition of local government, affordable housing, business, agriculture, education and other organizations advocating 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.

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