

Resolution No. 1

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City: Orlando, FL

NAHB Resolution

Title: Support for Sustainable, Green, Resilient, and High Performance Homes
Sponsor: Environmental Issues Committee
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WHEREAS, sustainable, green, resilient and high-performance refers to designing and constructing homes, neighborhoods, and communities to conserve natural resources; use water, energy and land more efficiently; be better able to withstand natural hazards and be healthier for occupants and more durable over the long term;

WHEREAS, the increasing focus on sustainability, green building, resiliency and high-performance continues to shape policy and compel many federal, state and local governmental entities to take action on sustainability-related topics, such as energy and water conservation and low impact development, including adopting voluntary incentives or mandatory above-code green building or resiliency requirements;

WHEREAS, in addition to these public efforts, many interest groups, businesses and others also continue to develop, update and/or promote their sustainability, green building, and resiliency-related initiatives, programs, products, and certifications;

WHEREAS, being actively engaged in the sustainability, green building, and resiliency arenas provides significant opportunities for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and its members to increase their positive image and constructively respond to the mounting policy initiatives relating to climate change, resource scarcity, and help balance environmental and community needs;

WHEREAS, the ICC/ASHRAE 700 National Green Building Standard (NGBS), the first ANSI consensus based green building standard for residential construction and NAHB's preferred alternative, has been deemed equivalent or better than other national criteria, allows manufacturers to obtain NGBS Green Certifications for their products, and equips NAHB's members to fully participate in the high-performance building arena; and,

WHEREAS, uncertainty regarding the costs and benefits of green and high performance buildings continue to hinder its acceptance and growth among industry practitioners and the buying public, and consumers have not widely embraced the value of working with knowledgeable high-performance building professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) oppose mandatory above-code sustainability, green building and resiliency requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHB support voluntary sustainable, green, and high-performance new home construction and remodeling in lieu of mandates by:

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