

Educating Legislators on the Community Association Housing Model

In lieu of any specific ask, use this opportunity to educate your member of Congress on the Community Association Housing Model. As you prepare for your meetings with legislators, take a moment to prepare written remarks for yourself that describe the community association housing model and your personal connection.

There are three type of community associations:

1. Condominiums
2. HOAs (homeowner associations)
3. Cooperatives

Fast Facts

- Homeowners choose where they want to live and which community is best for them.
- Many people choose community associations for the shared amenities—playgrounds, walking paths, pools, landscaping—while others find community associations are the most affordable housing option.
- Community association development is often the decision of a local municipality in an effort to shift the obligation of providing services like road maintenance, snow removal, and trash pickup.
- Associations are usually incorporated as nonprofit corporations and rely on an elected board of neighbors to carry out the responsibilities of the community.

Key Statistics

CAI represents the 77.1 million people living and working in America's 369,000 community associations. We will provide you with state-specific statistics for you to share in your meeting. Provide them can estimate of the number of community association residents in your community or your client communities. Make sure your legislator understands you interact regularly with their constituents.

Community Associations Institute (CAI)

Tell your legislator that you are a proud member of Community Associations Institute—a 50,000-member international association that establishes best practices and standards for people living and working in community associations.

Homeowner Satisfaction Survey

The Foundation for Community Association Research conducts a homeowner satisfaction survey to determine how satisfied Americans are with their community association. Take this opportunity to share some of the good happening in your community.



Talk About What You Know

Are you a board member, manager, business partner? Whatever your role, let your legislator know what you do and why it is important to you. Tell them what their help in passing key legislation would do for you, specifically!

Questions? Contact CAI's Government Affairs Team at government@caionline.org