

## Big Education Victory: Algebra for All!

As the song goes, some students *don't know much about history*, but they'll have to know about Algebra. Backed by the Bay Area Council and Governor Schwarzenegger, the [State Board of Education](#) passed a controversial policy change requiring all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students pass an Algebra I exam. California is the first state to pass such a requirement and once implemented will have the most rigorous math standards in the country. Our members firmly believe California must raise - not lower - our math standards if we are to succeed in a globalizing, knowledge-based economy. Read the [Bay Area Council's statement here](#).



## Energy Committee Threshes out AB 32

At this week's [Energy Policy Committee](#) meeting, hosted by [Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman](#), members explored and debated AB 32 with the top decision makers from the State - the Governor's Office and an architect of the draft scoping plan for the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Some surprising remarks came out during the meeting, such as one manufacturing Committee member requesting the option of pure regulation versus cap-and-trade. Most contentious and prevalent, was the feeling that CARB had not gone far enough on land use policies. The Committee will work over the next few weeks to develop a consensus opinion on the draft plan and advocate that consensus to CARB.



## Housing Endorsement Committee Gives Thumbs up to Nation's First LEED ND Platinum Development

The Bay Area Council [Housing Endorsement Committee](#) met this week and reviewed for endorsement the first project in the nation to be awarded the prestigious LEED ND Platinum level certification. LEED ND Platinum Certification is reserved for those projects that demonstrate the very highest standards of green building and design as well as sustainability, and smart growth principles within a neighborhood or region. The Emeryville Marketplace proposal, a mixed use residential, retail and office development, was brought to us by TMG Partners and is located next to the West Emeryville Amtrak Station. Not surprisingly the Committee unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the project and we look forward to helping push it through the entitlement process and see some spades in the dirt very soon.

## Article of the Week

A compromise the Bay Area Council pushed hard for years was announced yesterday by Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Feinstein for a bond plan for California water that may lead California out of its water wars. Read the [Contra Costa Times Article](#) and [our statement](#).

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