



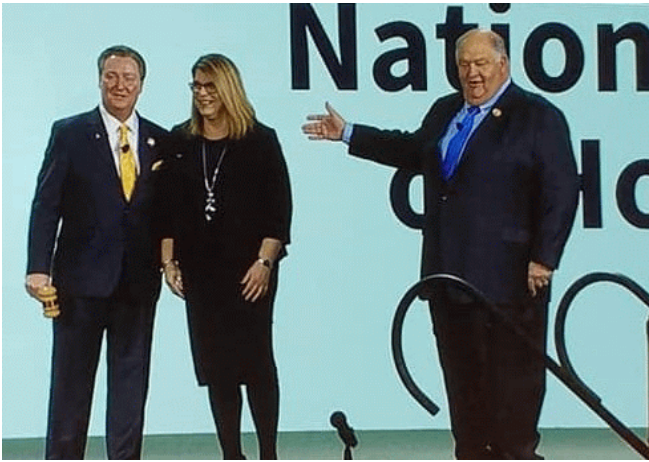
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Chairman Greg Ugalde



Greg Ugalde Elected NAHB Chairman at 75th International Builders Show

On Thursday February 21, 2019, during the 75th Anniversary International Builders' Show in Las Vegas, Connecticut developer, Greg Ugalde, was elected NAHB Chairman, representing the interests of more than 140,000 housing industry professionals across the country.



Granger MacDonald introduces Greg & Mary Jane Ugalde

Greg is president and chief legal officer of Torrington-based T&M Building Co., Inc., one of the state's largest home builders. Since its founding in 1962, T&M has built more than 4,000 new homes in over 45 Connecticut communities for trade-up and first-time buyers. Greg is also the founder and owner of GFU Investments, LLC, a builder/developer minority-owned business that focuses on urban development and workforce housing.

On stage as Greg Ugalde was sworn into office were his family, including his wife, Mary Jane, and three children, Andrew, Sara, Aaron and Kathleen, as well as T&M Building Company CEO, Steve Temkin and his wife, Gayle.





“A top priority this year will be to address ongoing housing affordability concerns. On average, government regulation accounts for nearly 25% of the price of building a single-family home and more than 30% of the cost of a typical multifamily development. We will urge federal policymakers to take appropriate actions to ease regulatory burdens in order to help put families in homes, create jobs and move the economy forward. We will also call on Congress to advance comprehensive housing finance reform and to adopt sensible workforce development and immigration policy that will help our industry fill open jobs.” . – Greg Ugalde

Problem Solvers Caucus Seeks Bipartisan Housing Solutions

In a roundtable discussion moderated by 2019 Chairman, Greg Ugalde, during the NAHB Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas, Reps. Tom Reed (R-N.Y.) and Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.) expressed support for working together on a bipartisan basis to advance housing issues.



L-R 2019 NAHB Chairman Greg Ugalde, Rep. Tom Reed (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.)

Reed and Gottheimer are the co-chairs of the influential Problem Solvers Caucus, a group of 24 Republican and 24 Democratic lawmakers dedicated to finding common ground and breaking the partisan gridlock in Congress.

“We’re the only bipartisan group in Washington, D.C. that is organized,” said Gottheimer. “We will vote as a block when we get to a consensus position and we are making a difference.”

When asked by Ugalde what issues the Problem Solvers Caucus would be willing to tackle, Reed responded: “Housing affordability is a very important issue.” He called for removing red tape on zoning and working to create economic opportunities for builders on the ground.

Infrastructure, stabilizing the health care market under the Affordable Care Act and prescription drug prices are other areas the Problem Solvers Caucus will address.