

Developers Forum Highlights

January Forum- Land Use Under HB 8002: What Developers Need to Know

Developers Forum attendees received an in-depth analysis of Connecticut’s recently signed omnibus housing bill, presented by two of the state’s foremost authorities on land use law, Attorneys Andrea Gomes and Tim Hollister of Hinckley Allen. Thank you to our Chairman for the evening, Ken Mita and to all our attendees for their participation!



(L-R) Ken Mita, Andrea Gomes, Tim Hollister, Jim Perras



(L-R) House Majority Leader Jason Rojas, Ken Mita, Planning & Development Co-Chair Eleni Kavros-DeGraw, Banking Co-Chair Jason Doucette, Bob Wiedenmann, Jim Perras

February Forum-

At our February Developers Forum, members were joined by legislative leaders at the forefront of Connecticut’s housing policy debate—House Majority Leader Jason Rojas, Planning & Development Co-Chair Eleni Kavros-DeGraw, and Banking Co-Chair Jason Doucette—for a timely and substantive discussion on the priorities shaping the 2026 legislative session.

Serving as Guest Forum Chairman, HBRA Government Affairs Committee Chair Bob Wiedenmann led a dynamic conversation focused squarely on the policies that will influence housing production across our state. Topics ranged from affordability and strategies to encourage starter home development, to brownfield remediation, construction financing tools, and innovative public-private partnerships.

The program offered members direct access to key decision-makers and meaningful insight into the legislative landscape at a pivotal moment for Connecticut housing.

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Developers Forum Member Greg McCracken



“Soon after I began practicing law in Connecticut, Gurdon “Don” Buck advised me that I needed to be part of what was then the Developers Council,” recounted Greg McCracken, who became a Developers Council member back in 2001, and never misses a meeting.

“Don Buck had been a member since the beginning,” said Greg, “and he and I both found tremendous value in the relationships and programs that it offered. I am grateful to have been a part of it for 25 years.”

Gregory W. McCracken, a partner in Jacobs, Walker, Rice & Berry law firm, practices common interest community law and land use, planning, and zoning law. He represents community associations and developers, and he advises property owners and other lawyers on the creation of common interest communities and the governance and operation of common interest communities.

He is a member of the Board of Directors and the Legislative Action Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”), and he is the President-Elect of the Chapter. He also is a member of the Developers Forum of the Connecticut Home Builders and Remodelers Association (“HBRA-CT”), the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the Connecticut Bar Association (“CBA”), and the Planning and Zoning Section of the CBA.

He represented the HBRA-CT when he served on the Connecticut Law Revision Commission Study Committee, which adapted the 2008 revisions of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership

Act for adoption in Connecticut, and he is a co-author of the Connecticut Common Interest Ownership Manual (2nd Ed.), published by the CBA. Greg has been named to the Connecticut Super Lawyers® list in the area of Real Estate from 2009 to the present.

Developers Forum Working Group

The Developers Forum Steering Committee has been assembled and is working diligently on creating the 2026 DF Agenda. A small group of both veteran and newer DF members from all parts of the state are meeting weekly. Currently, all the meeting topics for the remaining 2026 meetings have been established, starting with a broad overview of development in our state. Ensuing meetings will drill down on more focused topics residential developers deal with. The steering committee is working on recruiting engaging and knowledgeable speakers for the meeting panels. New and geographically diverse venues are being sought out. The committee is also establishing a set of Developers Forum guidelines to assist with Forum practices and to ensure that the Developers Forum continues to deliver interesting and valuable information to members.

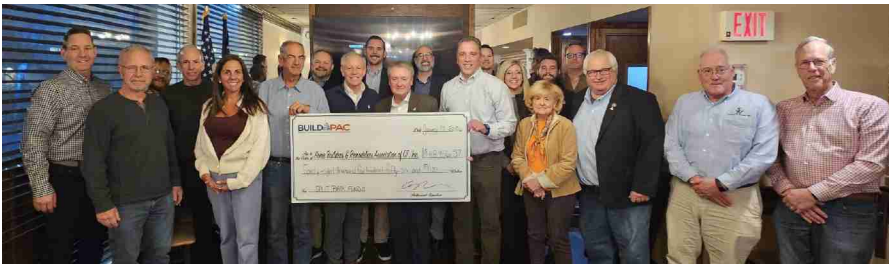
Developers Forum Working Group participants include:

Ken Mita, Central Connecticut Construction Management LLC, Working Group Chair
Jeff Jakubowski, Team Green Innovative Consulting Solutions
Rob Michaud, Michaud Development
Greg Ugalde, T&M Building Co., Inc.
Bob Wiedenmann, Sunwood Development

HBRACT Staff-

Jim Perras, CEO
Michele Quadrato, Director of Administration & Events

NAHB BUILD-PAC- Record breaking splitback check



NAHB BUILD-PAC marked a record-breaking year as Connecticut Trustee Ken Boynton presented the HBRA of CT Board of Directors with a \$48,456.57 splitback check on behalf of HBRA members. As NAHB’s bipartisan political arm, BUILD-PAC supports pro-housing, pro-business candidates for federal office and strengthens the industry’s voice on Capitol Hill—

efforts made possible through member contributions and events like the Fiano Family Golf Classic. A portion of every dollar raised returns to support HBRA-CT advocacy —helping protect essential business operations, fight burdensome taxes and regulations, and keep housing attainable in Connecticut. Please consider contributing to BUILD-PAC and continuing this important work. ■