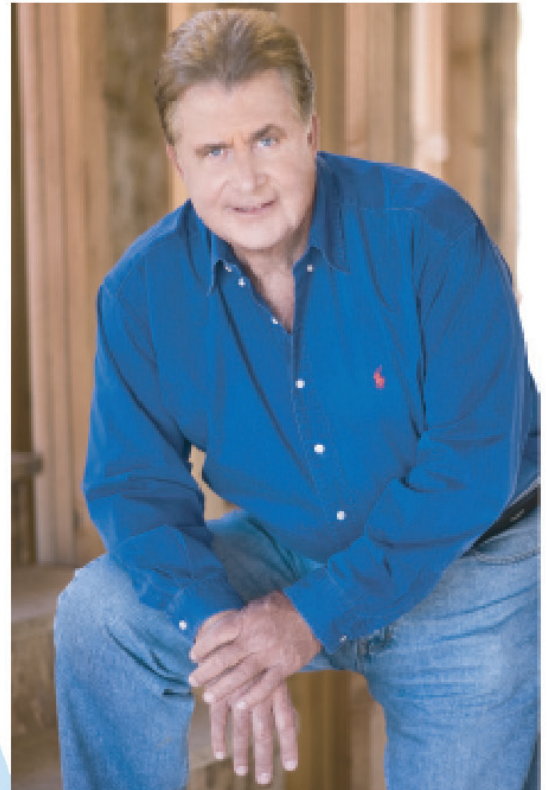


CALIFORNIA BUILDER BRIAN CATALDE ELECTED NAHB PRESIDENT

ORLANDO, Feb. 9 – California home builder Brian Catalde today was elected as the 2007 president of the 235,000-member National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) during the association's 63rd annual International Builders' Show in Orlando.

A driving force in the Southern California home building industry for more than 30 years, Catalde is president and chief operating officer of El Segundo-based Paragon Communities, a company he founded in the early 1980s. Paragon specializes in single-family homes ranging from entry level to luxury, and builds multifamily condominiums and commercial projects.



"This year will be a critical turning point for the nation's housing industry," said Catalde. "We expect the worst of the housing downturn is behind us and that we will see some gradual improvement in home sales over the months ahead. I look forward to leading this association forward as we navigate a course for success through these changing times."

Many of the same issues that were priorities for NAHB in 2006 will continue to be pivotal for the association's advocacy agenda this year, including efforts to reform oversight of the housing government sponsored enterprises, securing federal funding for key housing programs, expanding the availability of workforce housing and injecting greater fairness and certainty in federal regulations designed to protect the environment.

Catalde first became involved with NAHB through his state Home Builders Association, having served as president of the Building Industry Association of Southern California in 1996 and president of the California Building Industry Association in 1999. In the interim, he earned Builder of the Year honors from his local BIA.

Through his state and local leadership capacities, Catalde quickly understood the value of participating in this national association, where he could "access resources and talk to other builders who offered incredible insight and knowledge" from across the country and where the combined strength of NAHB's 235,000 members helps ensure that the association is a respected voice in the halls of

Congress, in the federal regulatory arena and in the courtrooms of America.

His commitment to government affairs issues led Catalde to become part of NAHB's Federal Government Affairs Committee, which paved the way for a position on NAHB's 2,000-member Board of Directors. He has also served as an NAHB national vice president and is a trustee of NAHB's respected political action committee, known as BUILD-PAC.

As for his leadership style, Catalde says that he prefers to encourage a teamwork approach to solving issues as they evolve. "It's not about me," he says of leading NAHB. "It's about giving the team the right information and encouraging them to make the right decisions for NAHB's future."

In his home state, Catalde has been very active in civic and local government endeavors, including serving as commissioner to the Los Angeles County Tax Board from 1996-2002. He is also the co-founder of the Gary Troy Foundation, which provides services to teenagers suffering from drug and alcohol abuse problems, and is active in the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clarita as well as in the YMCA of San Fernando Valley.

Brian and his wife, Michelle, have two sons, Jay and Scott.

Also elected to top spots on the NAHB leadership roster during the International Builders' Show in Orlando were 2007 First Vice President Sandy Dunn, from Point Pleasant, W.Va.; Vice President/Treasurer Joe Robson from Tulsa, Okla.; and NAHB Vice President/Secretary Bob Jones from Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

2006 NAHB President David Pressly, from Statesville, N.C., remains on the leadership ladder as the immediate past president. Rounding out the association's leadership is NAHB Executive Vice President/CEO Jerry Howard, from Washington, D.C.