Governor Brown Vetoes AB 1999 (Atkins)

The Economic Development and State Historic Tax Credit Act

The California Preservation Foundation and the California Council of the American Institute of Architects lead a broad-based coalition of preservation organizations to pass AB 1999. With the leadership of Toni Atkins, Speaker of the Assembly our efforts resulted in unanimous, bipartisan support for AB 1999 from both houses of the state legislature. The bill was delivered to Governor Brown for his signature in late August. Unfortunately, Governor Brown vetoed AB 1999.

This advocacy effort brought together a diverse group of interests and strengthened alliances between preservation organizations, key legislators, and the business community -- all recognized the many benefits of AB 1999 and worked together for its passage. We could not be prouder of the work done by each member of the coalition and the individuals and firms who supported our efforts with financial contributions and letters of support. On behalf of the California Historic Tax Credit Coalition, we thank our members for their support.

We thank Speaker of the Assembly, Toni Atkins for her leadership and support. She was a true champion for AB 1999 and all that it represented.

We will continue our work to pass a state historic tax credit to see that California joins the ranks of 35 other states who enacted state historic tax credits. Your support helped us get this bill to the Governor’s desk and we need your help as we continue the important work of passing a state historic tax credit.

With gratitude,

The members of the California Historic Tax Credit Coalition