

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

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HB 361 READY TO MOVE

HB 361 OHBA's top priority received its fifth hearing this week. OHBA's Vince Squillace provided testimony essentially reminding the local government committee that we feel this is the most important step the state can take to increase housing production in Ohio.

The bill has been labeled the "shot clock" bill as it establishes reasonable time limits for local government to approve applications, if not, the application is approved. We have informed the committee if the governing body adopts a compliant comprehensive plan and procedural regulations there should be no issue regarding approval. Despite that, some local governments feel they need super powers to deal with the evils of housing development. Our response was simply emergency and unforeseen events can be handled in the rulemaking process. However, we do not agree mindless changes demanded which bear no relevance to the plans and rules in place are exactly why we need the bill to assure predictability.

House speaker Matt Huffman is a strong supporter of the bill. We want the House to do its part in removing needless delays and a strong move towards increasing housing development in Ohio.

Attached is information of the members of the House local government committee all which includes the witnesses and their testimony. You can also download our testimony at <https://ohiochannel.org/series/ohio-house-local-government-committee?pageSize=12&sort=releaseDate&direction=desc&start=1&releaseDateStart=2025-01-01+00%3A00%3A00&releaseDateEnd=2026-12-31+00%3A00%3A00> starting at 15 minutes and 23 seconds into the video. You can download the testimony, H.B. 361, Vince Squillace here- [Local Government Committee Meeting - March 18, 2026 | Ohio House of Representatives](#)

SPRING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OHBA Spring Organizational Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026, at The Athletic Club of Columbus. Information has been emailed out on the meeting. We are honored to have Senate President Rob McColley, running mate for Vivek Ramaswamy, candidate for the next Governor of Ohio, join us for our luncheon at 11 a.m.

Reminder, OHBA's new office address is 65 E. State St., Suite 850, Columbus, OH 43215.