

Your energy efficient future, today.

# What is PACE?

Property Assessed Clean Energy



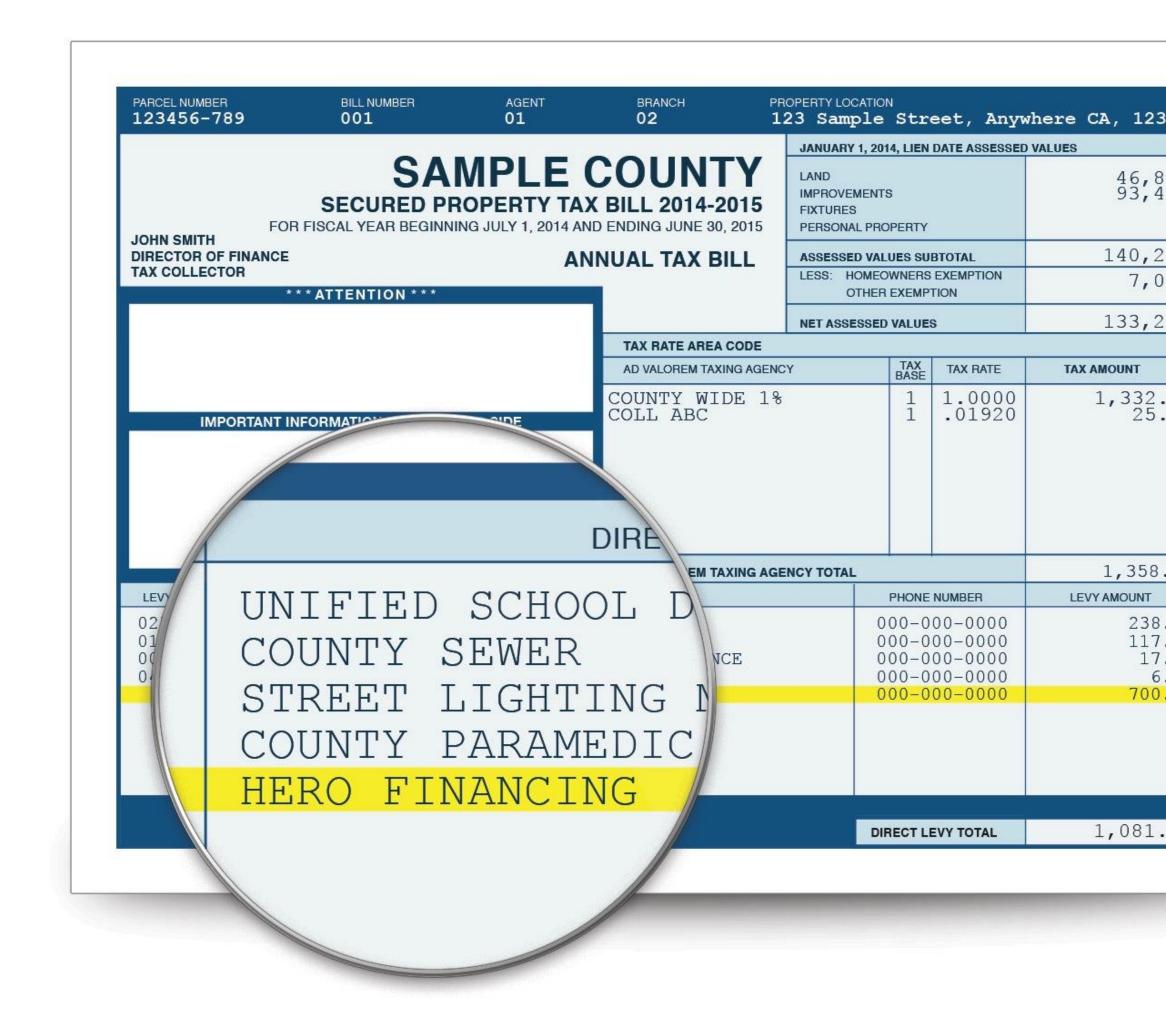


# Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing

HERO is Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing, which is designed to make payments affordable by offering a fixed interest rate that is payable over an extended period of time along with property taxes.

#### **PACE Overview:**

- New way to pay for home energy products
- Created in partnership with industry leaders
- Property owners pay for improvement through property tax bill
- Operation legislation AB811 passed July 2008





# The Fastest Growing PACE Program in the U.S.

HERO is the largest and most successful residential PACE based financing program in the nation, and the only program that has successfully securitized PACE based loans. All funding, support services and technology are provided at no cost to the municipality.

#### **Our Proven Model Provides:**

- Ongoing Lending Capital
- Dependable Support Services
- Comprehensive Technology Infrastructure
- Unrivaled Consumer Protections



# Awards & Recognition

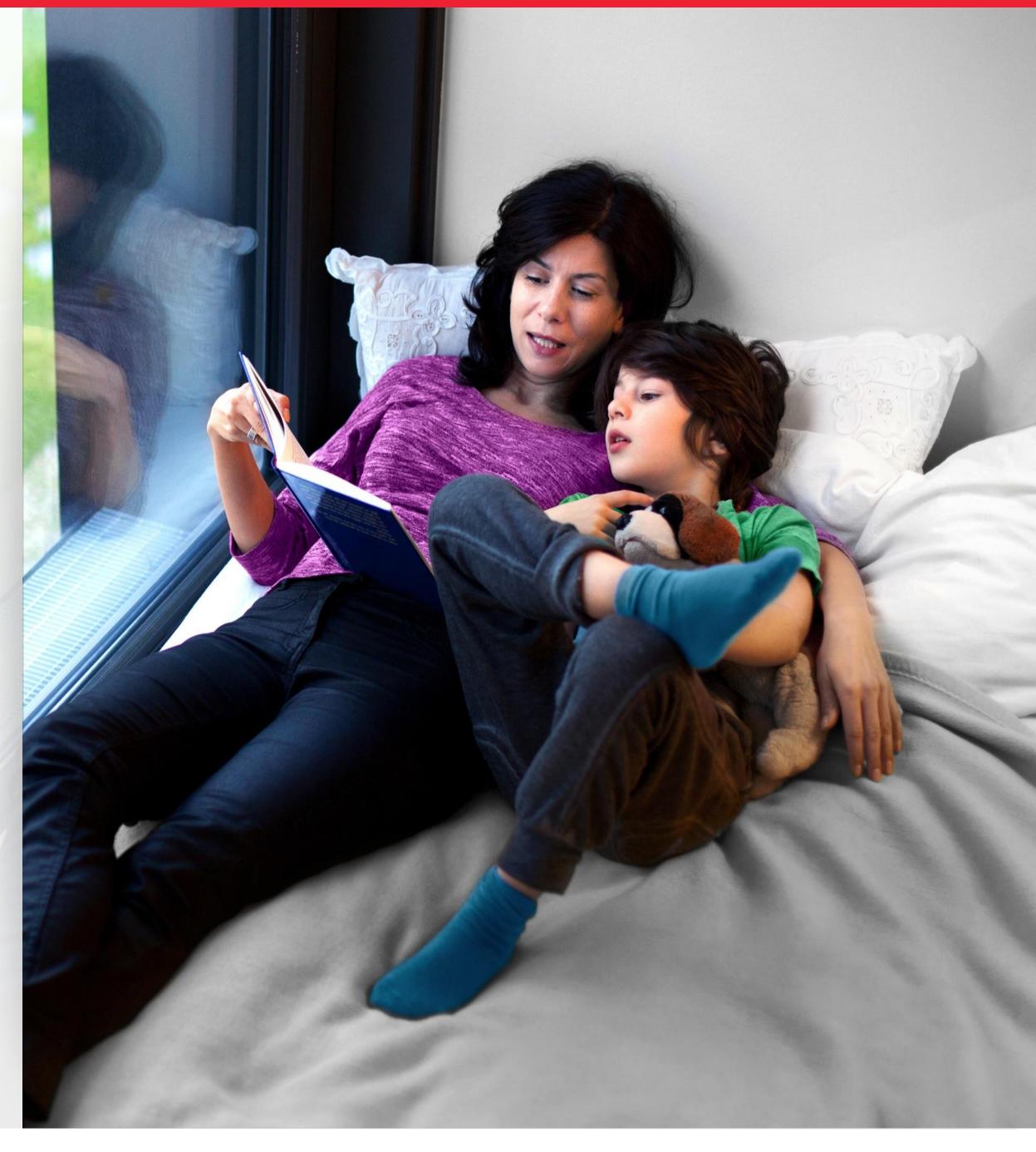
- **Environmental & Economic Partnership**
- Governor of California
- Best Residential Partnership
- U.S. Green Building Council
- Best of the Best
- Urban Land Institute
- Business Achievement Award
- Climate Change Business Journal
- Presidents Award for Excellence
- Southern CA Association of Governments
- Norton Younglove Award
- Western Riverside Council of Governments





# The HERO Program:

Helping Homeowners and Strengthening Communities





# HERO Helps Communities

When property owners invest in energy efficient upgrades, they do more than save energy. HERO also helps communities create new jobs, save water and increase property values.

#### **Economic Stimulus**

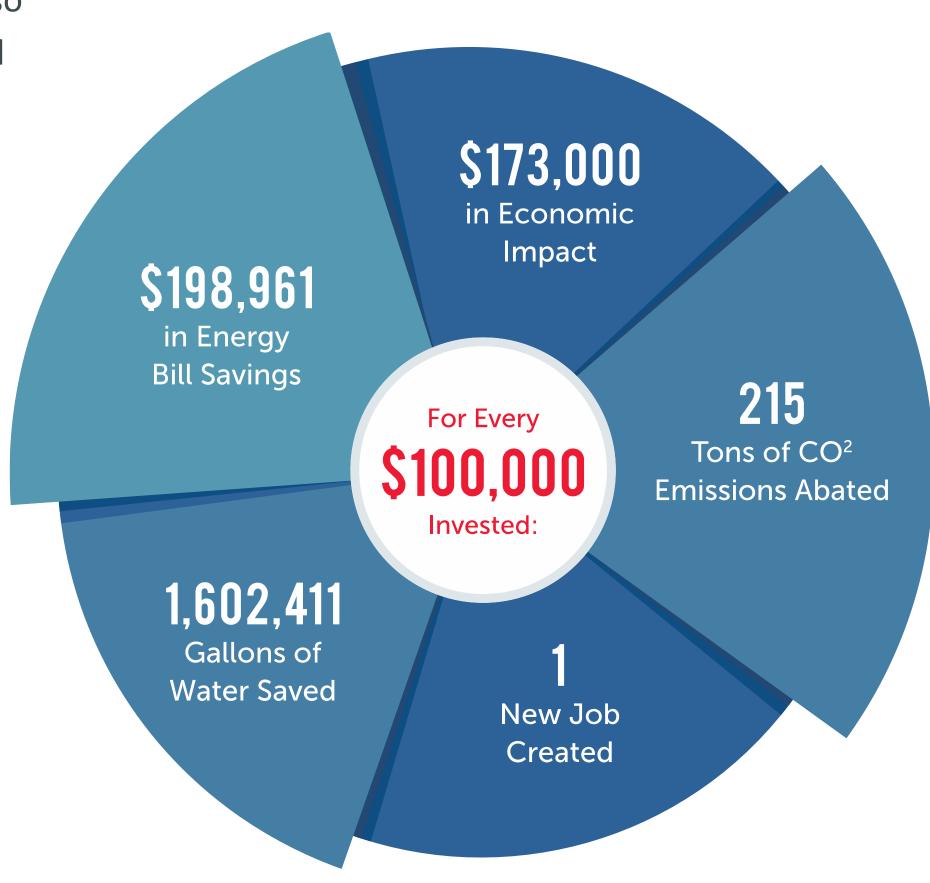
- Lower Utility Bills
- New Job Creation
- Increased Property Values

#### **Consumer Protection**

- Price / Value Confirmation
- Pay Upon Job Completion
- Dispute Resolution

#### **Environmental Impact**

- Reduced CO2 Emissions
- Decreased Energy Consumption
- Water Savings





### HERO Makes it Affordable



Affordable Payment Options



0% Down Payment Requirement



Easy to Qualify



No Payment Up to 18 Months



Transfers with Property



Tax Deductible
Benefits



# Technology Platform





# Integrated Technology

HERO provides communities an extensive technology platform designed to deliver accurate and timely information during every step of the process.

#### **HERO Maps:**

- Project Types
- Active Contractors
- New Job Creation
- CO<sup>2</sup> Reduction
- Economic Impact



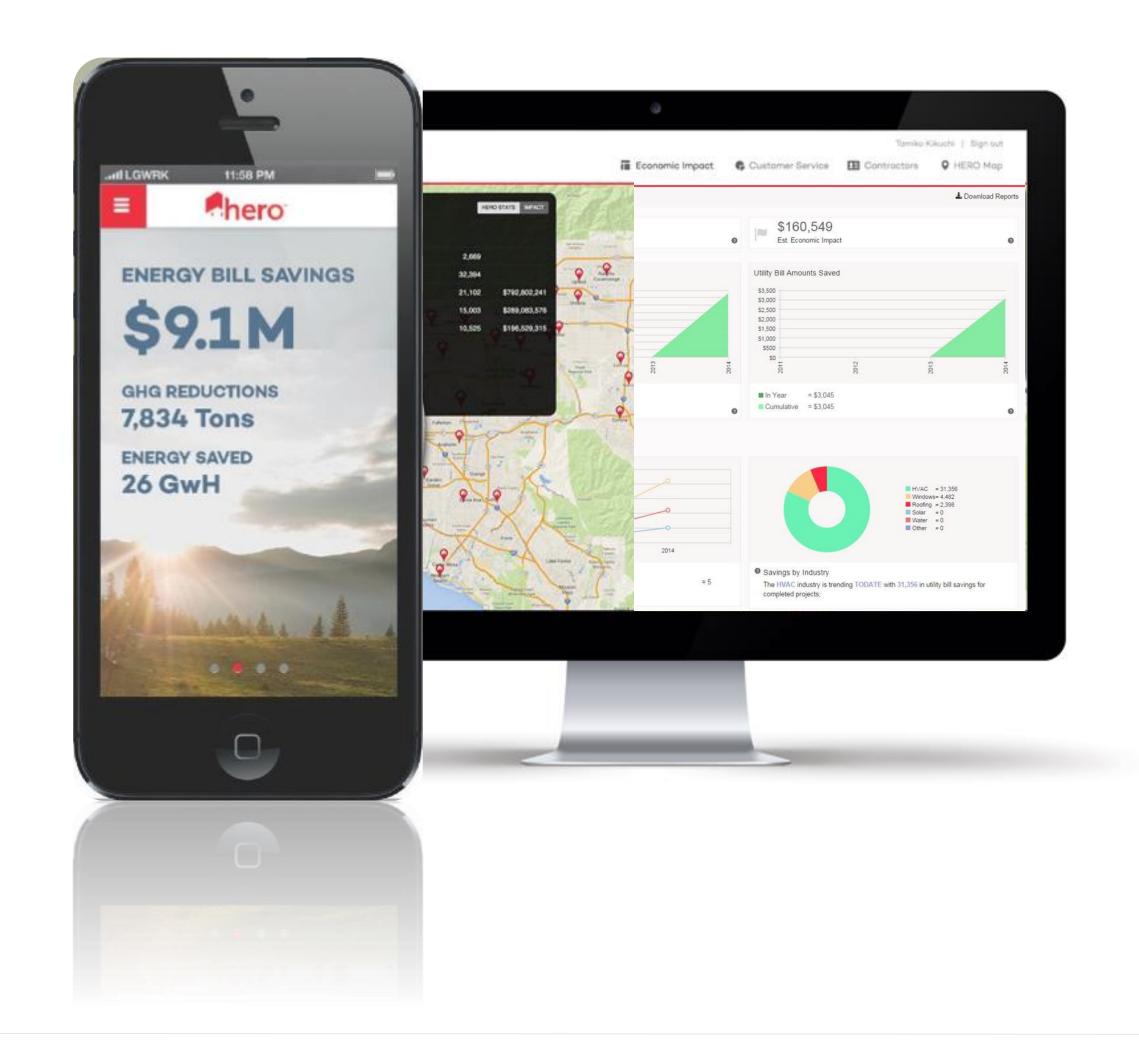


### HERO Gov

Your community will have access to the HERO Gov Portal, which provides real-time program reporting on a number of key project metrics.

#### **Real-time Program Reporting:**

- Applications
- Projects by Industry
- Contractors by Industry
- Identification of Local Contractors
- Jobs Created
- Energy Reductions
- GHG Reductions
- Economic Stimulus





### HERO Pro

HERO Registered Contractors have access to HERO Pro, an integrated, secure platform designed to make the estimating, approval, documentation and funding process as easy as possible form homeowners and contractors.

#### **Features:**

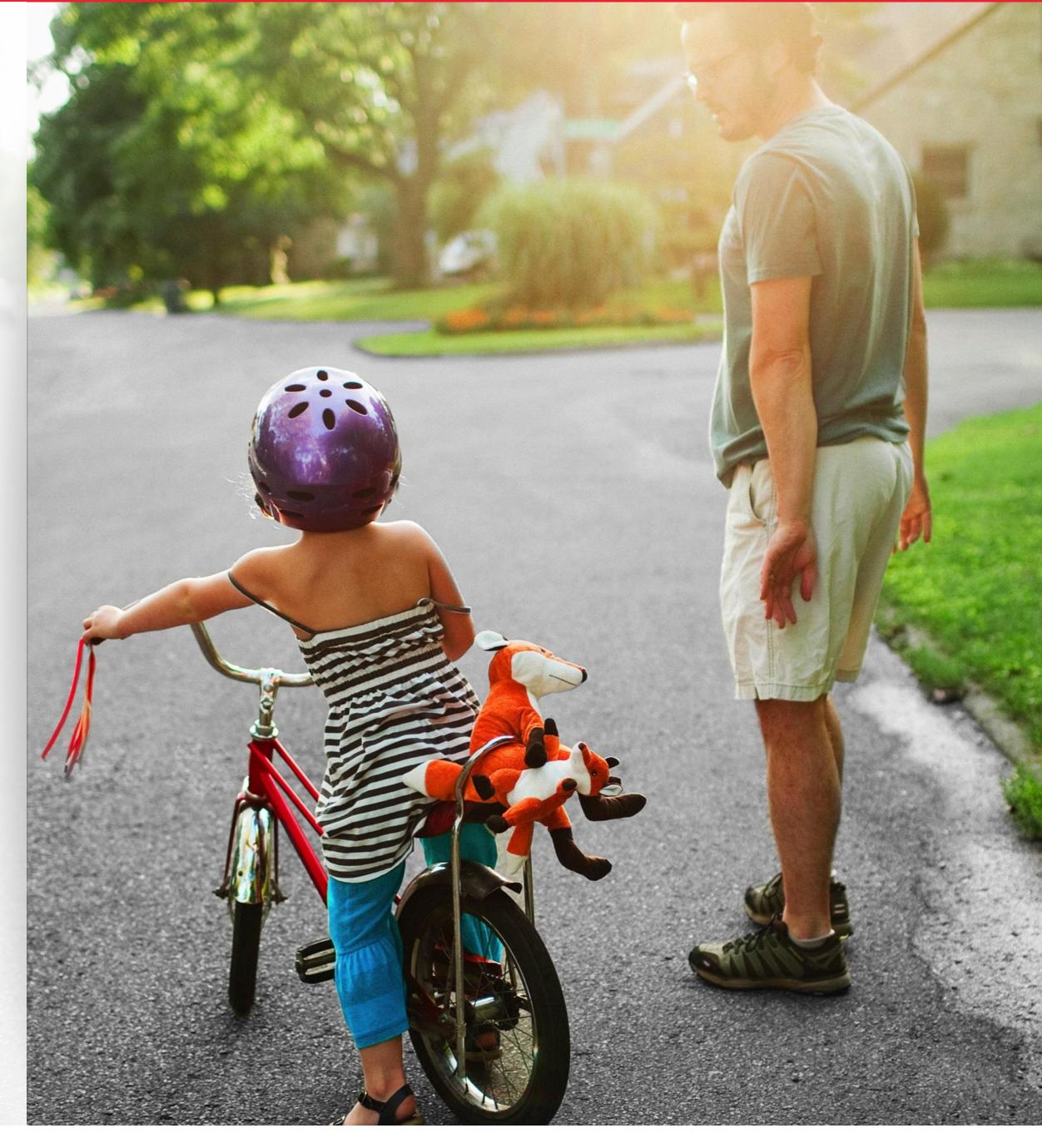
- Interactive Sales Tools
- Estimating Calculators
- Energy Savings Calculators
- Financing Document Generation
- Electronic Signature Capabilities
- Information and Updates
- Web-based Training Curriculum
- Marketing Resource Center
- Company-specific webpage at heroprogram.com/companyname





# Community Support:

Consumer Protection & Contractor Training





#### HERO Protects Consumers

When you approve HERO in your community you're protecting consumers before, during and upon completion of every project.

Contractors must be in good standing with the Program and are only paid after the job is completed to the consumer's satisfaction.

# **#1 Consumer Protection Policy** in the Industry:

- Contractor ID Verification
- Pricing Controls
- Permit Verification
- Payment Protection

Consumer Protection		Before HERO	After HERO
Training	Eligibility Requirements Proposal Automation Estimating Calculators Application Verification	×	
Compliance	Marketing Product Eligibility Fair Pricing CSLB Confirmation Permit Verification	×	
Protection	Pay Upon Completion ID Verification Terms Confirmation In Good Standing Dispute Resolution		



# HERO Trains & Registers Local Contractors

HERO provides a comprehensive training and registration program, designed to familiarize Contractors with the financing terms and the Property Owner approval process.

#### **Training Covers:**

- Sales
- Software
- Product Eligibility
- Document Processing
- Completion Certification
- Payment Options
- Co-Marketing Program
- Brand Usage Guidelines





### Community Support

#### HERO Hotline (855-HERO-411)

Our full service Call Center is available to homeowners and contractors from project start to completion.

#### **Contractor Training**

Our representatives in the field provide training and ongoing support for application processing and Program implementation.

#### **Dedicated Account Representatives**

We provide continuing support for all sales, marketing and customer service concerns.

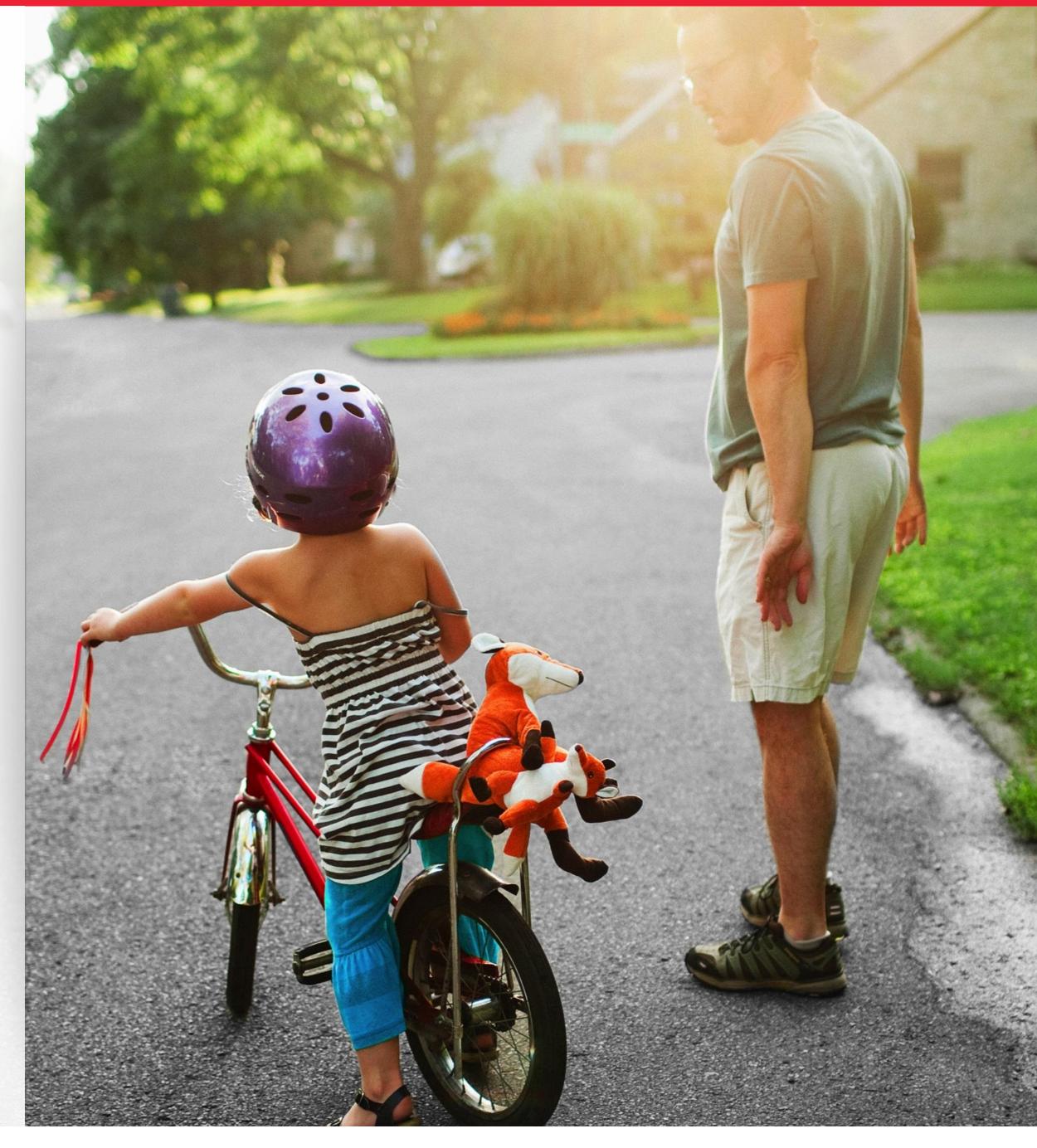
#### **Dispute Resolution**

Every Property Owner or Contractor complaint receives a full investigation to find an acceptable resolution to any disputes.



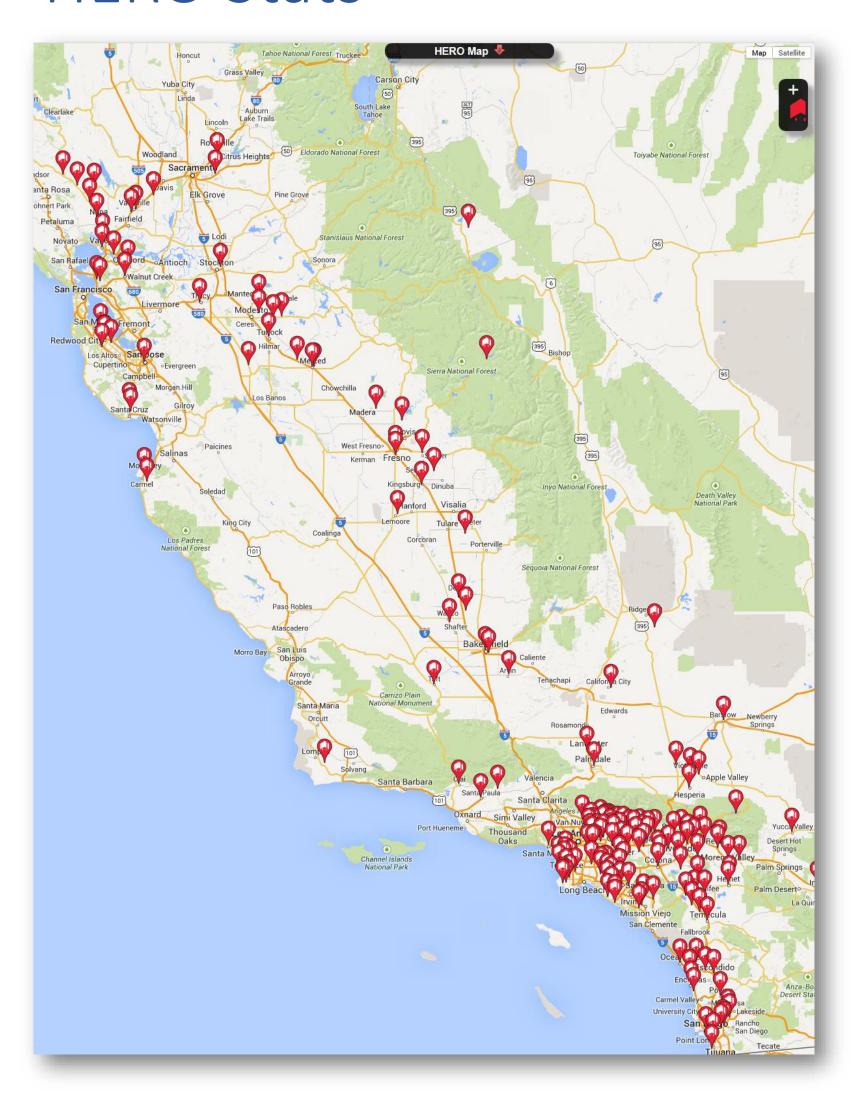


# HERO in Action:





# **HERO Stats**



192 CA Communities Joined

HERO Economic Impac	t	
Registered Local		
Contractors	4,035	
Applications Submitted	55,650	
Applications Approved	36,102	\$1,513,472,840
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Approved Projects	25,090	\$505,302,040
Total Funded Projects	17,016	\$327,594,332
Total Fallaca Frojects	17,010	<b>7327,331,332</b>
	Annual	Life Time
Energy Sayed (CwH)	110	1 012
Energy Saved (GwH)	110	1,913
Reduction in Emission		<b>540.044</b>
(tons)	28,982	513,311
Savings	\$13,823,056	\$508,253,573
Javings	713,023,030	7300,233,373
Jobs Created	2,349	
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Annual Economic Impact	\$483,455,484	



# Municipal Leaders Provide the Opportunity

Why HERO? It's made our community better by lowering unemployment, increasing environmental efforts, and boosting our economy!

- RUSTY BAILEY, MAYOR OF RIVERSIDE, CA





#### Contractors Create New Jobs

- With HERO funding 50% of our sales, we've been able to hire 22 people this year! You should absolutely bring HERO to your community."
  - WC HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC.,
     MURRIETA, CA





### Homeowners Increase Property Value & Save Money

- Our electric bill said 'you owe 96 cents, do not pay this bill.'
  We couldn't believe it. Why doesn't everyone get HERO?
  - BRUCE AND KIMBERLY STAGGER,
     LAKE ELSINORE, CA





# Bringing HERO to your Community

Our turnkey solution was designed to integrate seamlessly into your community. After you pass the resolution to adopt HERO, you should expect the Program to be available in just a few short months. We'll be here all along the way – from Validation to Launch – to guide you through the process.



Community
Adopts HERO

Judicial Validation is Passed

**Staff Are Trained** 

Contractors are
Trained &
Registered

HERO
Launches
in Your
Community

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#### **HERO Communities**

**Alameda County** 

Albany Berkeley

Contra Costa County

Concord Walnut Creek

Fresno County

Clovis Fresno Kingsburg Reedley Sanger

Unincorporated Area

**Imperial County** 

Brawley Calipatria El Centro

Unincorporated Area

**Kern County** 

Arvin **Bakersfield** California City Delano McFarland Ridgecrest Taft

Wasco

Lemoore

Unincorporated Area

**Kings County** 

Alhambra

**Los Angeles County** 

Arcadia Azusa **Baldwin Park** 

Bellflower Bradbury Carson

City of Industry

Claremont Covina Commerce

Diamond Bar El Monte

El Segundo

Gardena Glendora

Hawthorne Hermosa Beach

Inglewood Irwindale

La Cañada Flintridge

La Verne Lancaster Lawndale

Lomita Monrovia

Montebello Monterey Park

Palmdale Pomona

Rancho Palos Verdes **Rolling Hills** 

Rolling Hills Estates

Rosemead San Dimas San Gabriel

San Marino Santa Monica

Sierra Madre South El Monte

South Pasadena **Temple City** 

Torrance Walnut

West Covina

**Madera County** 

Unincorporated Area **Merced County** 

Atwater Merced

Unincorporated Area

Mono County

Mammoth Lakes Unincorporated Area

Monterey County

Monterey Unincorporated Area

Napa County American Canyon

Calistoga Napa St. Helena Yountville Unincorporated Area **Orange County** 

Aliso Vieio Anaheim Brea

Buena Park Costa Mesa

Cypress Garden Grove

**Huntington Beach** La Palma

Laguna Hills Lake Forest

**Newport Beach** Placentia

Rancho

Santa Margarita Santa Ana

Stanton Tustin

Westminster

**Riverside County** 

Banning **Beaumont** Calimesa Canyon Lake Corona

Eastvale Hemet Indio Jurupa Valley Lake Elsinore

Moreno Valley

Menifee

San Bernardino County Adelanto Apple Valley Barstow Big Bear Lake

Citrus Heights

Rancho Cordova

Murrieta

Riverside

Temecula

Wildomar

San Jacinto

Norco

Perris

Chino Chino Hills Colton Fontana **Grand Terrace** Hesperia

Highland Loma Linda Montclair Needles Ontario

Rancho Cucamonga Redlands Rialto

San Bernardino Twentynine Palms

Upland Victorville Yucaipa Yucca Valley

Unincorporated Area

San Diego County Carlsbad

Unincorporated Area Coronado El Cajon Sacramento County Encinitas Escondido

Imperial Beach La Mesa

Lemon Grove **National City** 

Oceanside Poway San Diego

San Marcos

Santee Solana Beach

Unincorporated Area

San Joaquin County

Stockton Tracy

Vista

San Mateo County

Unincorporated Area

Foster City Menlo Park Redwood Citv Woodside

County Lompoc

Santa Barbara

Santa Clara County

San Jose

Santa Cruz County

Scotts Valley

Unincorporated Area

**Solano County** 

Benicia Dixon Vacaville Vallejo

Unincorporated Area

**Stanislaus County** 

Modesto Newman Oakdale Riverbank Turlock Waterford

**Tulare County** Visalia

Ventura County

**Fillmore** Ojai

Santa Paula





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