

#### **CALBO Annual Business Meeting**

The Building Official and the CEA

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# **CEA Established Following Northridge Earthquake**



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#### **Northridge Earthquake**



- \$20 Billion residential damage
- Insurance companies stopped writing homeowners

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#### 1996: CEA Created

Publically Managed Privately
Financed

Public Mission

Governing Board

Participating Insurers

Not-for-Profit

Governor

**Insurance Commissioner** 

**State Treasurer** 

Assembly Speaker
Senate Rules Chair

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**CEA Policyholders** 



2017: 900,000 +

STRATEGIC PLAN

**Educate** 

Mitigate

**Insure** 

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#### **CEA Mitigation Activities**

- Research
  - Post-EQ inspections
  - Building performance
- Guideline (Code) Development
  - More plan sets
- Seismic Assessment Tools
  - QuakeGrade TM
- Incentive Programs
  - EBB



#### **Future Retrofit Standards**

- ATC 110 Pre-standard
- Jointly managed by FEMA and the CEA
- Intended to be a model code
- 2018 completion



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#### **Future Retrofit Standards**

- ATC 110 scope:
  - Cripple walls up to 7'
  - Living space over garage (soft-story)
  - Hillside homes
  - Masonry chimneys





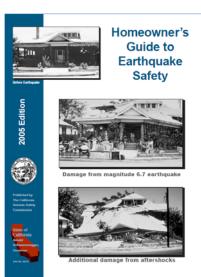


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#### **Required at Point-of-Sale in California**

Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety:

 Guide to assist homeowners in filling out the Residential Earthquake Hazards Report



#### Residential Earthquake Hazards Report

Residential Earthquake Hazards Report:

- Sellers must hand buyers a completed disclosure report.
- Report is signed by seller and buyer.

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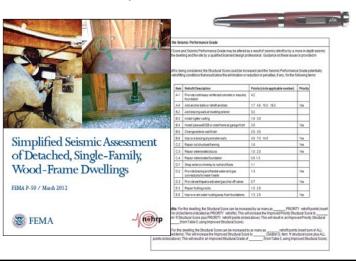
#### Residential Earthquake Hazards Report

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- Is the house outside a Seismic Hazard Zone (zone identified as susceptible to liquefaction or landslide)?

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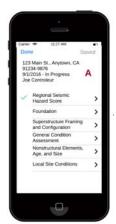
# **Existing Tool for Seismic Assessment**

• FEMA P-50 Simplified Assessment





…and now there is QuakeGrade ™







#### QuakeGrade<sup>™</sup> / CREIA Training

- California Real Estate Inspectors Association
  - Soon to have a seismic assessment certification
- In association with FEMA and ATC





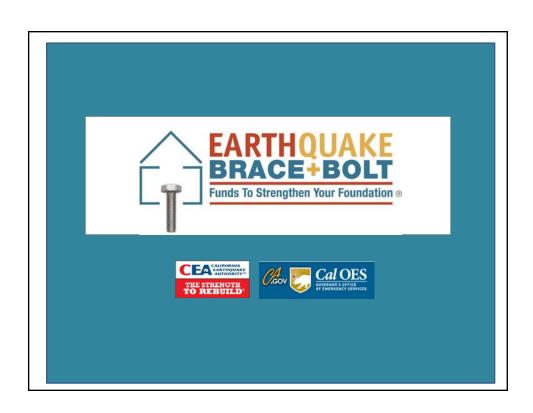


#### Napa Earthquake Survey

#### Key Findings:

- 1. 25% of homeowners did not know if their home had been retrofitted
- 2. Homeowners who <u>had</u> retrofitted their houses were not clear on what that retrofit was intended to accomplish
- 3. The template for post-earthquake surveys should address the need for un-biased participants.





#### **EBB Overview**

- Jointly managed by CEA and Cal OES
- Created to offer retrofit incentives
- EBB first to promote code-compliant retrofit
- More than 1 Million cripple wall homes





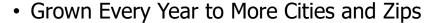






#### **EBB Overview**

- 2017 Marks Year Four
- Up to \$3,000
- In Accordance with:
  - Appendix Chapter A3 or
  - Plan Set A



 Received \$3 Million from the State of California



#### **EBB Overview**

- City Selection Process
  - High hazard + high density of older homes
  - Bay Area and Los Angeles Area
    - 2013/14 Pilot: 4 Zip Codes in 2 Cities
    - 2015: 28 ZIP Codes in 6 Cities
    - 2016: 100+ ZIP Codes in 18 Cities
    - 2017: 140+ ZIP Codes in 33 Cities

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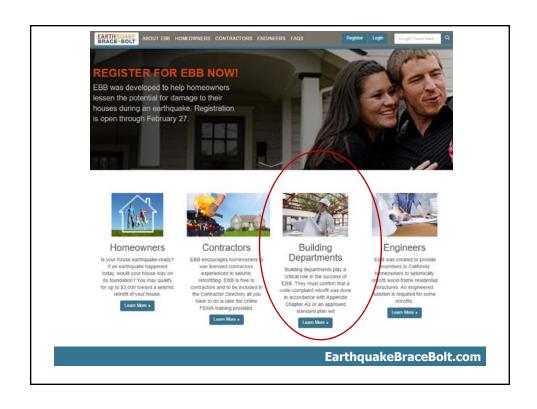
#### The Process

- Outreach and 30 Day Registration
- Random selection
- 8 Weeks: contractor and permit
- 6 Months: complete work



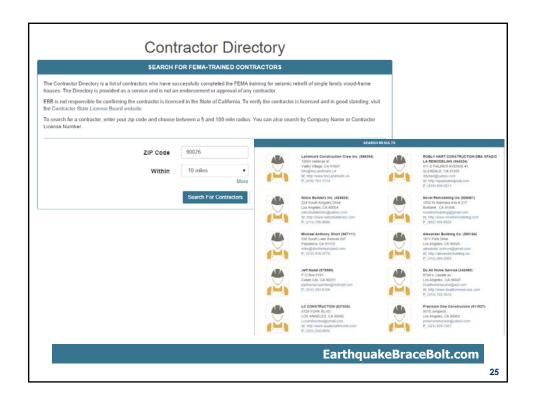
#### The EBB Process

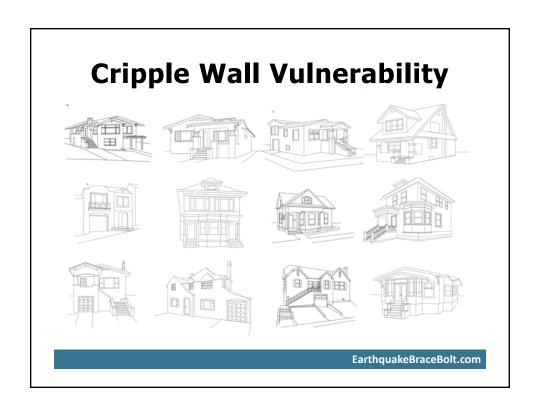
- Pre-Retrofit Documentation
  - Permit language reference in scope of work
  - Before photos
- Retrofit
- Post-Retrofit Documentation
  - After photos
  - Signed building permit
  - Contractor invoice / receipts
  - Payment Authorization From
  - IRS W-9 Form













# Common Seismic Vulnerability: Cripple Wall

- In adequate sill plate anchorage to foundation
- Unbraced cripple walls (short, stud walls around crawlspace)

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# 1906 San Francisco EQ



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# 1989 Loma Prieta EQ



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# 1994 Northridge EQ



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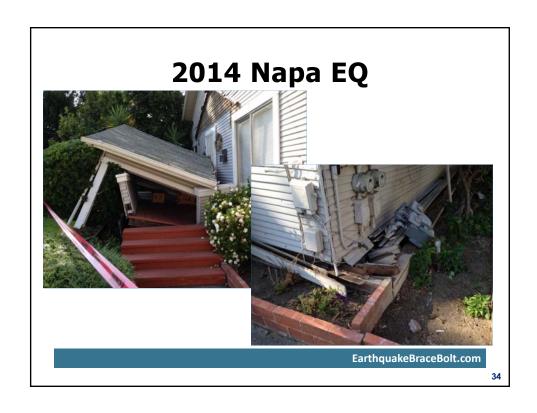
# 1994 Northridge EQ



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# **2014 Napa EQ**



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# **Long Recovery Process**



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# 2014 Napa EQ





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# 2014 Napa EQ



Disproportionately affects economically challenged





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#### **Seismic Retrofit Works**

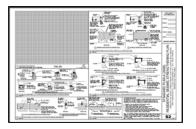


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### **Code-Compliant Retrofit**

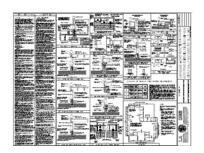
- Provides homeowners and contractors with guidance
- Promotes a complete retrofit





# **Code Requirements = EBB Requirements**

- Code = CBC Appendix Chapter A3
- Engineered retrofit allowed by A3 for
  - Cripple walls > 4'-0" tall
  - Walls with many/large openings
- Construction Documents = Plan Set A, LA Standard Plan Set or Custom Plans





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#### **Chapter A3**

The State of California has adopted, effective January 1, 2011, California Existing Building Code (CEBC) Appendix Chapter A3: *Prescriptive Provisions for Seismic Strengthening of Cripple Walls and Sill Plate Anchorage of Light, Wood-Frame Residential Buildings* 

### **Chapter A3 Prescriptive House**



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# **Chapter A3 Engineered House**



# **A3 Retrofit Requirements**

	Chapter A3
Maximum Stories	Three
Anchor Bolts	1/2" or 5/8" Diam.
Foundation Anchors	Proprietary or Fabricated
Cripple Wall Sheathing	Plywood or OSB
Framing Clips	Proprietary or Fabricated
New Continuous Concrete Footing	Yes

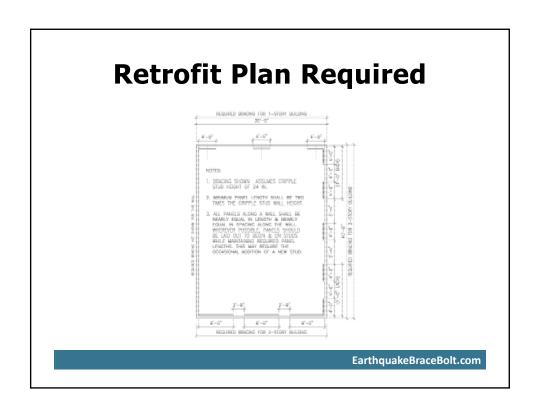


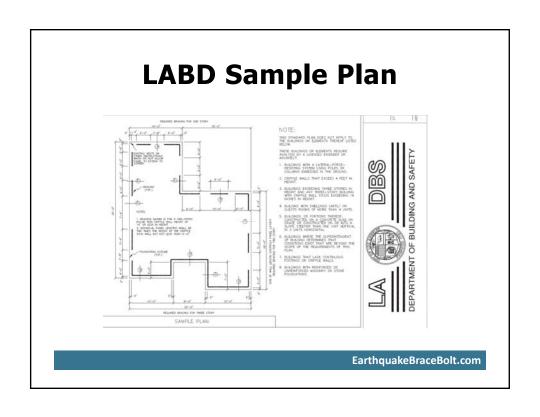
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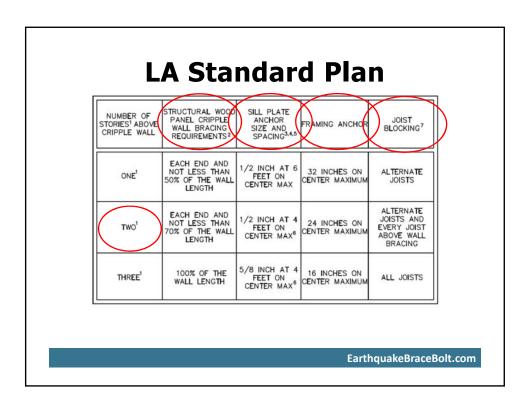
# **A3 - Plan Set Comparison**

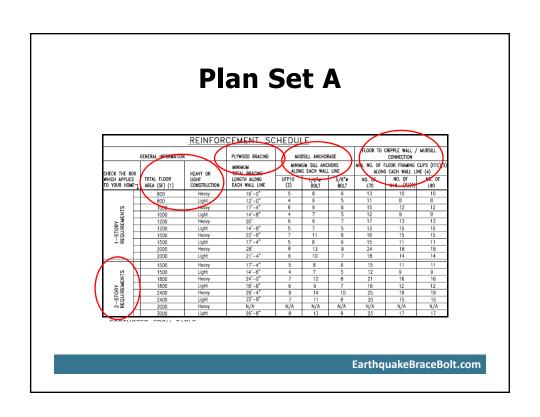
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Framing Clips	Proprietary or Fabricated	Proprietary or Fabricated	Proprietary or Fabricated
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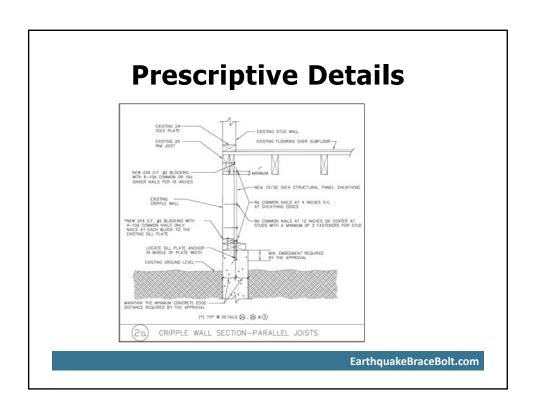


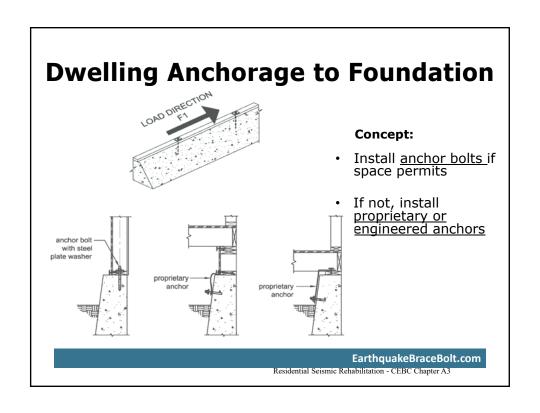




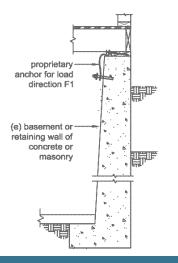








### **Dwelling Anchorage to Foundation**



#### Concept:

- Is <u>also</u> applicable to basement and retaining walls
- Contact building department for additional retaining wall concerns

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#### **New Anchor Bolts**



# **Foundation Plates – Bolt Only**



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## **Foundation Plates – Bolt Only**



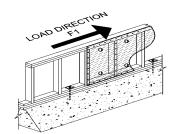
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## **Cripple Wall Bracing**

#### Concept:

- Install <u>sheathing</u> on inside face of cripple wall to resist load direction F1
- Anchor top plate to floor framing above (load in)





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### **New Plywood Sheathing**





# **Vent Holes in Each Stud Bay**



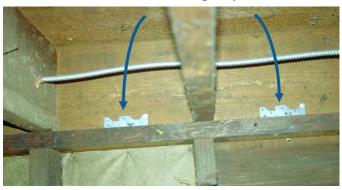
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# **Properly Placed Nails**



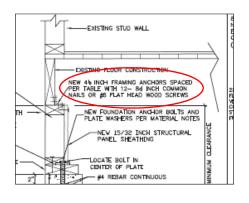
#### **Connect Wall to Floor**

Framing Clips



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# **Framing Clip Detail**



# **Replace Decayed Framing**

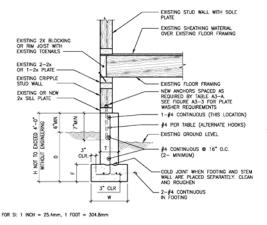


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# **Add Replacement Bolts**





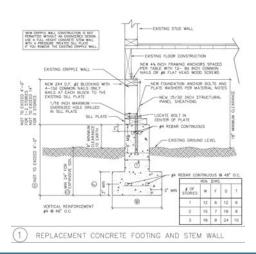


New foundation may be designed per Figure A3-1 or A3-2, or be designed by an architect or engineer

A local building official may require a soils report.

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#### LABD Std. Plan Set Allows New Ftg.



# The legacy of the "Voluntary Retrofit"

- Northern California (ABAG 1999) study showed the majority of seismic retrofits done improperly
- Voluntary retrofits often leave out important items

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#### **Not Seismic Retrofit**





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## **Code Compliant Retrofit**

- Does not bring the entire "house" up to code
- Rather, it provides a <u>complete</u> retrofit in accordance with an approved standard





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## **Seismic Retrofit**



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