



June 20, 2017

The Honorable John Collins
Mayor, City of Fountain Valley
10200 Slater Ave
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Mayor Collins and Council:

The Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC), is a non-profit trade association of over 1,100 companies employing over 100,000 people affiliated with the home building industry. The Orange County Chapter represents the largest member base within BIA Southern California. Our mission is to champion housing as the foundation of vibrant and sustainable communities.

As a key stakeholder in Orange County, the BIA/OC would like to offer our support for the Fountain Valley Crossings Specific Plan (FVCSP). In reviewing the proposal, we are pleased to see the environmentally positive land use elements being contemplated within this plan. Adding more housing in Fountain Valley, close to jobs and essential services, will help in balancing Orange County's jobs to housing ratio and contribute to State mandated environmental and regional planning policies.

Over the next 25 years, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) predicts a population increase of 400,000 residents in Orange County. Additionally, according to a report by the California Legislative Analyst's Office, Orange County needs an additional 7,000 homes per year to meet demand. State wide, that number increases to a staggering 100,000 homes. By considering a Specific Plan aimed at underutilized infill sites close to transit, The City of Fountain Valley will maintain the overall character and charm of the City while simultaneously preparing for needed future growth.

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As always, we remain a resource to the City on important issues that are related to the well-being of our local communities.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven C. LaMotte".

Steven C. LaMotte
Chapter Executive Officer