

Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc.
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER



September 12, 2017

Mayor Katrina Foley
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Re: **Item 1 - Small Lot Ordinance**

Dear Mayor Foley and Councilmembers,

On behalf of our membership, I respectfully request that the City **maintain the existing Small Lot Ordinance as written.**

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

The Small Lot Ordinance represents an important means by which the dream of home-ownership can become a reality. As you are aware, **the small lot ordinance confers the same benefits and ownership perks as a traditional single-family ranch home.** Since the Small Lot Ordinance allows for a smaller lot size, land costs are minimized, thereby helping to make these developments **more affordable to build and sell.**

To remove or reduce the flexible standards needed to create a Small Lot product the City will only increase the cost to build, intensifying the already severe housing crisis Orange County is facing.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

Steven C. LaMotte
Chapter Executive Officer

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