



June 6, 2017

The Honorable Tom Tait  
Mayor, City of Anaheim  
200 S. Anaheim Blvd., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Anaheim, CA 92805

**RE: Agenda Item #40**

Dear Mayor Tait and City Council Members,

On behalf of our membership, **I would like to offer our comments on Agenda Item #40, the 2016 Fire and Rescue Code update and the proposed changes from the California Fire Code (CFC) related to the Firefighter Air Replenishment System (FARS) in buildings 75 feet or taller and addition of fire sprinklers in existing residential dwellings.**

The Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association of 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.

BIA/OC has a strong track record of working with local governments to find innovative solutions. In keeping with that tradition, we ask for further time to discuss the provisions of the FARS mandate and fire sprinkler addition for residential renovations. Any time a policy goes above and beyond state requirements, that policy requires heavy vetting and study prior to implementation. As such, several continued questions remain in regards to cost of maintenance, responsibility for maintenance, cost to builders, and language of policy implementation. Furthermore, when considering local policy regulations that go above and beyond state code, we ask that incentive based programs be consider compared to mandates.

We look forward to continuing the conversation with the Anaheim Fire Department as we seek equitable solutions that enhance safety and bring the cost of housing down in Orange County.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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