



July 27, 2017

The Honorable Elizabeth Swift  
Chair, Orange County Fire Authority  
1 Fire Authority Road,  
Irvine, CA 92602

**Re: Item 4A – Community Risk Reduction Fee Study and Adoption  
of the Associated Fee Schedule for the Orange County Fire Authority  
(OCFA)**

Dear Chair and Board Members:

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.

After review of the proposed alterations, the BIA/OC is appreciative of the overall fee reductions shown in the staff report. In addition, as housing affordability concerns continue to remain an issue, and as workload volume increases throughout the OCFA region, reducing cost through efficiencies is welcomed. For this reason, the BIA/OC does not oppose the fee update.

We would like to thank OCFA staff for the continued outreach to our organization and our member base.

Respectfully,

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