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

Re: Fire Cost Recovery Fees

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of our membership, we would like to offer comment on the proposed update to the City's Fire Cost Recovery Fees. We thank the City and staff for the opportunity to review the proposed fee adjustment.

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. 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.

After review of the City staff's report related to the proposed Fire Cost Recovery Fee, we would like to offer our support for the phased implementation approach suggested. Home prices are rising at alarming rates throughout California and every effort must be taken to make construction costs more predictable in process and time. Major hurdles to this often come from fees and regulations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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Chapter Executive Officer

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