#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE – DECEMBER 2018**

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#### A Year in Review Review

With the election behind us, it is important to take a moment to look back on all that BIA/OC achieved in 2018. Advocating for homebuilders across Orange County is a top priority and to achieve that end, we engaged in over 71 City Council meetings, had 151 one-on-one meetings with elected officials, 178 coalition building meetings and through it all we saved the Building Industry at least \$16,000,000 this year alone. Complementing our advocacy work was our educational outreach efforts. We held 37 education events reaching 2,203 attendees and 68 committee events, like our Government Affairs Committee, reaching over 1,312 attendees. Networking is the third pillar of our organization and through our amazing golf tournament, BITA Wine fundraiser, Softball Tournament, Cars & Crafts, Women's Conference and more we had 5,339 of you join us to strengthen the Industry.

2018 was a great year for BIA/OC and 2019 is looking bright. We appreciate your support and look forward to even greater success in the year ahead.



## **OC Supervisor Special Election**

The November 2018 election saw the successful candidacy of current Supervisor Todd Spitzer for the position of Orange County District Attorney. As such, District Attorney-elect Spitzer will be vacating his Supervisorial seat in the coming weeks which will trigger a special election to fill the vacancy. While official dates have not yet been set, it is expected that a new Supervisor will be elected to District 3 by the second week of March. District 3 covers Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, Orange, Villa Park, Tustin, Irvine and significant unincorporated county areas as well as the Cleveland National Forest. BIA/OC will continue to monitor the evolving nature of this special election and will provide regular updates as the campaigns kick off in January.



#### **Anaheim Rent Control**

As you recall, last year was an active one in the City of Anaheim. Increased Development Impact Fees, Public Art Fees, Rent Control and Inclusionary Zoning were all discussed. Through hard work and strategic partnerships with multiple industry organizations, BIA/OC is happy to report that policies challenging homebuilding were kept at bay. Yet despite this hard work, there has already been a call for a review of rent control in Anaheim. Building off our past partnerships and policy advancements, BIA/OC will continue to monitor the situation in Anaheim and provide updates through the year as more information is shared.



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### **Huntington Beach Inclusionary Zoning**

Many updates this year outlined the harms experienced when a city enacts an Inclusionary Zoning policy. A lack of regulatory exactions is not the reason homebuilders are fighting to increase supply across the region. As such, BIA/OC was very concerned to see a proposal that would radically expand Inclusionary Zoning's scope to produce shelters with funds dedicated for homes. BIA/OC was heartened to see the item removed from consideration, but it is expected that Huntington Beach will undertake comprehensive reforms to their existing Inclusionary policy in the near future.



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## BIA/OC Hosts Newly Elected Congressmembers with BUILD PAC

The BIA/OC was honored to kickoff and host a Post-Election Update with newly elected Congressmembers Harley Rhouda and Mike Levin. The event was a great opportunity for BIA members to meet and hear from the new Congressmembers as they discussed an array of issues with Housing being a focus. Beyond housing, the speakers touched upon the homeless issues in Orange County, border security and immigration and the next speaker of the House. The BIA/OC hosts this event annually and all support raised goes to NAHB's BUILD PAC.



# BIA/OC Hosts YIMBY (Yes in My Back Yard) Panel and Fundraiser

The BIA/OC was happy to host and sponsor an expert panel of industry professionals speaking on the importance of a strong grassroots campaign during the entitlement process. BIA/OC Executive Officer, Steve LaMotte moderated the panel that focused on the public relations, lobbying, and community organizing side of development. The BIA also stresses the importance of having a strong YIMBY presence in Orange County – so it is imperative that the industry steps up to support the OC YIMBY. Should you like to donate in anyway, please visit HERE.



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### Meeting with Dan Dunmoyer

With the end of Jerry Brown's historic run as Governor, beyond super majorities for Democrats in the legislature and the dawning of Gavin Newsom's time at the helm, keeping up with Sacramento is no small task. Fortunately, the BIA is at the forefront of every major policy development thanks to the incredible team at CBIA. This month we were fortunate enough to be joined by CBIA CEO Dan Dunmoyer at a joint Government Affairs and Urban Infill Committee meeting for an in-depth look at what happened in 2018, how that will change business in 2019 and what to expect from the legislature in the year ahead.



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