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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
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Re: SB 469 (Vargas) Land Use: Development Project Review - OPPOSED

Dear Chairman Fuentes:

On behalf of the membership of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) we would like to express our **opposition to SB 469 (Vargas)**. In this time of economic downturn, we believe the bill will further hamper job creation and economic growth throughout the State of California.

In addition to public testimony, current law already allows for extensive land use and environmental reviews before any project is approved. This bill will add another layer of assessments and studies, which adds to the cost and time of a project to be completed.

The state currently faces an unprecedented budget deficit and this bill will exacerbate the problem by prohibiting businesses from expanding and adding, much need, jobs in California. These retailers and their supply chain partners (many of who are small and minority-owned businesses) collect and pay billions in state and local taxes annually and sustain thousands of jobs for Californians.

SB 469 hurts consumers by limiting choice and competition. BIA/OC believes that the state legislature should be focused on fostering economic opportunity rather than placing barriers on economic growth. **For these reasons the BIA/OC urges you to oppose SB 469.** Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of the residents of Orange County and we thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Jerry Brown
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