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Jordan Brandman, President
Anaheim Union High School District
501 Crescent Way
Anaheim, CA 92803

Re: School Facilities Fee Deferral Extension Request

Dear President Brandman:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) to formally request an extension to the Anaheim Union High School District's (AUHSD) temporary school facility fee deferral program.

There have been signs of gradual economic recovery among many of our members due to fee deferral programs such as the program AUHSD introduced in 2009. AUHSD's school facility fee deferral program is among the first of its kind. It has allowed builders to employ construction workers and build new homes. AUHSD's program has been a critical part of the overall economic recovery efforts occurring in our region.

State-wide, over 135 individual jurisdictions have deferred fees. Locally, 11 individual jurisdictions have deferred fees. The results have been better than expected. In high growth cities like Irvine and Anaheim, construction has resumed putting local residents back to work. Jurisdictions have realized the benefits of this stimulus by way of increased revenue to their general funds. Agencies are now going through the process of extending programs that are set to expire.

It is for this reason that the BIA/OC formally requests that the AUHSD Board of Trustees consider extending the school facilities fee deferral program for an additional 18 months.

We appreciate the willingness of AUHSD to partner with our industry during this time of economic recovery. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Bryan Starr
Chief Executive Officer

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