

January 9, 2012

Honorable Sukhee Kang
Mayor
City of Irvine
1 Civic Center
Irvine, CA 92606

Re: City of Irvine Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone

Mayor Kang,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) to address the adoption of updated boundaries for Irvine's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ). As a primary stakeholder, BIA/OC has been actively engaged with the City, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire), and local property owners for the last four years. Our shared goal has been to develop accurate maps that reflect the built environment and are aimed at increasing fire protection for the residents of Irvine.

BIA/OC concurs with Irvine staff's recommended adoption of the proposed fire hazard zone maps consistent with the state statute regarding fire hazard mapping for local agencies. As the result of a lengthy review, comment, and revision process, BIA/OC is satisfied that the staff recommended VHFHSZ map is a fair representation of wildfire hazard in Irvine.

BIA/OC appreciates having had the opportunity to partner with Irvine staff and all agencies involved in this process. Like you, BIA/OC places a high priority on promoting safe well-built communities. We look forward to our continued partnership in this regard.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

Cc: City Council
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