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TO: Honorable Chairman Nutting and Supervisors  
FROM: Sacramento Regional Builders  
DATE: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
RE: **Item 26- Support**

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On behalf of the Sacramento Regional Builders (Region Builders), who represents over 3,000 commercial construction businesses and eight esteemed local building associations, we strongly support the proposed amendments to the El Dorado County Building Code and Grading Ordinance. This legislation protects the private owner and County's investment in local construction projects that have been dramatically slowed due to the current economic and lending crisis.

This Ordinance would essentially afford local builders additional time to finish projects in a dismal economy by extending their building and grading permits, instead of having them forge through the extensive and costly permitting process all over again. The Ordinance would affect all permits which were valid of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and extend those permits for an additional two years from their previous expiration date

As you all know, the land development process involves a significant amount of money, time, and effort to successfully complete projects especially in the present economic downturn. These tough times have placed many residents and smaller building companies on the verge of losing thousands of dollars worth of fees when their permits expire. Thus, we applaud the Honorable Supervisors and County Staff's effort to provide a proposal that in a relatively no-cost way will stimulate the construction sector. The proposed amendments will avoid substantial losses of investment to the County and assist in the vital building industry turnaround.

This County needs to build its way out of this recession, and this extension should be one of those building blocks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Whyte  
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Sacramento Regional Builders