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June 18, 2007

Greg Fuz, Director of Development Services
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Dear Mr. Fuz:

Re: Development Services Building Permit Fees

At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on June 5, a motion was made as follows.

"A motion was made by Supervisor Sweeney, seconded by Supervisor Dupray to direct the Development Services Director to meet with the Chief Administrative Officer, Human Resources Director, and Auditor/Controller to revise the proposed layoff list, noting said list must include management positions not just line positions; and Development Services Director to return to the Board on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. with an outline of the building permit process with the proposed fixes to impediment to the process and the revised layoff list."

Over the last several weeks many of our members have participated in meetings along with other building industry groups and with EDC Development Services staff discussing impediments to the permitting process. We believe that the List of Process Improvements provided in our joint letter with North State Building Industry Association, and Sacramento Builders Exchange provides Development Services with a great starting point to improve the permitting process.

In each meeting you have brought the topic of building permit fee increases and have provided several different options for review. You have also brought up valid points that without staff you cannot adequately provide services to the public. In our original letter of April 27, 2007, we acknowledged that the cost of doing business and the cost of living has increased in recent years and would fully support an increase in the building permit fee in the range of 6% to cover such costs with the minimum permit fee increased to \$100.

The decision is up to the Board of Supervisors as the fiscal managers of the county. No manager/owner of a business looks forward to this type of a decision. If the market will not bear the price of the widget the business provides, then other considerations must be made to keep the business in operation.

Sincerely,

Jason Lussier, President
 El Dorado Builders' Exchange

cc: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
 Laura Gill, Chief Administrative Officer, El Dorado County

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