

BUILDING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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El Dorado County
Board of Supervisors
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Honorable Board Members:

At our July 22, 2010, meeting a unanimous vote was made to revise the makeup of the Building Industry Advisory Committee. We are looking for your support of this important action. This vote was taken for a couple of reasons:

The first and most important reason is that due to the number of member categories, a quorum of four members is currently required to conduct business. With the downturn in the building industry, several meetings have nearly resulted in, or did result in a lower than required quorum attendance, bringing our business at those meetings to a standstill.

Second, we have a member category of the Sacramento Builders' Exchange that has not shown up for a single meeting since at least 2008. This group has been notified and we were told they would attend, but this has not happened. Their lack of attendance has affected our quorum. With the ability to provide public input if they do decide to attend a meeting, their concerns if any, can still be addressed.

Third, it is felt that El Dorado Fire Protection District's representation should be viewed as a technical advisory role, just as the Building and Planning Divisions. The Fire District's representation is considered every bit as important as Building and Planning, especially with the new Fire Codes, but should be presented as code enforcers and interpreters rather than as a part of the Building Industry itself.

The removal of the Sacramento Builders' Exchange and the reclassification of the Fire District, will allow us to reduce to a three-member quorum from four to conduct business if needed. We would appreciate your vote of support for this revision to El Dorado County Resolution 25-2008.

Sincerely,

Jeff Haberman
BIAC Chairman