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Mr. H. David Nahai

Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

Mr. James H. Caldwell, Jr.

Assistant General Manager – Environmental Affairs

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

111 North Hope Street, Room 1550

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CF# 09-0510

RE: Water Efficiency Requirements for New Development & Renovation of Existing Structures.

Dear Mr. Nahai & Mr. Caldwell:

As the President of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Los Angeles (AIA/LA) and on behalf of the AIA/LA Board of Directors, I am writing to express our support for the proposed ordinance, which will incentivize Water Efficiency Requirements for New Development & Renovation of Existing Structures.

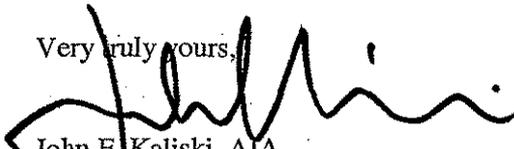
Both the AIA/LA Building Performance & Regulations Committee (AIA/LA BP&R) and the AIA/LA Committee on the Environment (AIA/LA COTE) fully endorse the new City of LA Water Efficiency Requirements. We believe that the suggested plumbing fixtures, water factors and cooling towers are achievable and have become standards in green buildings across the nation. These are tested technologies with many manufacturers offering various models.

In addition, we believe that this new and enforced building code will have a very positive impact on the City of Los Angeles' water resource. We especially appreciate the non-permitted allowance for retrofits and hope that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will continue to support this ordinance with smart and effective plumbing fixture rebates (and other financial incentives).

Finally, we believe that the new requirements will help educate the public on the importance of water conservation. Thank you for a thorough and thoughtful and much needed Water Efficiency Ordinance.

If you have any further questions, please contact Will Wright, Director of Government & Public Affairs for AIA Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,


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