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September 14, 2017

The Honorable Nury Martinez

Chair, Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee

200 North Spring Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Council File 17-0930 – SUPPORT for California WaterFix

Dear Councilmember Martinez:

The Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA – LAV) is writing in support of California WaterFix. Our members understand the importance of the California WaterFix and that the proposed project will modernize the state's water delivery system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. It will also help to ensure that California maintains a reliable water supply while providing additional insurance for Los Angeles.

The City of Los Angeles' Ratepayer Advocate (dated August 24, 2017) stated that WaterFix would cost the average Los Angeles household \$1.73 a month. The California WaterFix remains the most cost-effective water supply alternative to the City of Los Angeles.

As our local economy continues to expand, we need to maintain our existing supplies and invest in new local projects to keep pace and ensure ongoing water reliability. The proposed project (WaterFix) will support efforts to increase local supplies by providing high quality water that can be recycled again and again to meet local demands and replenish local groundwater basins.

While we support efforts to develop more local supplies and expand conservation, our region will continue to rely on water from the Bay Delta. It would cost two or more times as much per household to develop new supplies to replace the imported water supply lost without California WaterFix.

California WaterFix is an important investment that will ensure the reliability and quality of water for our households and communities.

Sincerely,

Tim Piasky

Chief Executive Officer

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