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March 17, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF MEMBERS FOR THE FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (Fire Department) requests that Your Board confirm by majority vote the five persons nominated by the Fire Chief to serve as voting members of the Fire Code Board of Appeals required by the County Fire Code, Appendix A.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Confirm by majority vote the appointment of James Hunt, Richard Montague, Raymond Bizal, Wayne Martin, and Dave Davies to serve as the five voting members of the Fire Code Board of Appeals as nominated by the Fire Chief.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board established the operative date of January 1, 2008 for the Los Angeles County Fire Code (Title 32). Section 108 and Appendix A of the Fire Code require the establishment of a Board of Appeals.

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ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
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WHITTIER

The purpose of the Fire Code Board of Appeals is to hear appeals regarding a proposal to use alternative methods or materials of construction to meet requirements of the Fire Code that had been denied by the Fire Code official.

An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the intent of the code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the code do not fully apply, or an equivalent method of protection or safety is proposed. The Board has no authority to waive requirements of the Fire Code. Per County Fire Code Appendix A, Section A101.2, the Board shall consist of five members with various qualifications. The nominated individuals meet the qualifications of their appointment. The Board of Appeals members serve without remuneration and shall be removed from their office prior to the end of their appointed terms only for cause.

The following persons meet the qualifications and are hereby nominated by the Fire Chief to serve as voting members of the Board of Appeals for the positions indicated, and for the term of years, listed after their names:

- Wayne Martin, Fire Code Appendix A101.2.1 Design Professional Member (1 year term)
- James Hunt, Fire Code Appendix A101.2.2 Fire Protection Engineering Professional Member (2 year term)
- Richard Montague, Fire Code Appendix A101.2.3 Industrial Safety Professional Member (1 year term)
- Dave Davies, Fire Code Appendix A101.2.4 General Contractor Member (2 year term)
- Raymond Bizal, Fire Code Appendix A101.2.5 General Industry Professional Member (3 year term)

County Fire Code Appendix A101.3.1 sets forth the initial terms for the members first appointed to the Board of Appeals. As the term of each of these initial appointments expires, members will then be appointed for terms of four years. Members can be reappointed to serve no more than two consecutive full terms.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these nominations will further the County Strategic Plan, Operational Effectiveness, in maximizing the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The implementation of the Fire Code Board of Appeals will not result in any cost increase to the County. No additional funding is required. Board members do not receive any remuneration and existing Fire Department staff will support the Board and its functions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 108 and Appendix A of Title 32 of the Los Angeles County Code requires establishment and maintenance of a Fire Code Board of Appeals.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Your approval of this recommendation will enhance the Fire Department's operational effectiveness and public safety.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to the following offices:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Prevention Services Bureau
1320 North Eastern Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Acting Deputy Chief John Todd

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel