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Supervisor Hagman Addresses Housing Shortage at BIA Conference

ONTARIO, CA – San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Curt Hagman today addressed members of the Building Industry Association (BIA) and urged them to bridge the gap between the supply of homes and the increased demand for homes due to economic growth within the Inland Empire.

“I believe the opportunity to meet people’s housing needs in our region requires a partnership between public and private entities”, said Hagman. “If we don’t work together, we will never build enough homes or unlock the massive economic potential that comes with meeting our housing needs.”

Growth within the Inland Empire is projected to exceed other fast-growing metropolitan areas in coming years; including Phoenix and Houston and other more built-out coastal areas.

Over the past year, the Board of Supervisors has worked to implement new electronic permitting systems that will save developers time and money by streamlining the approval process. Other actions to speed approvals and lower costs include Building and Safety switching to a direct cost of service method in order to reduce user fees. The County Land Use Services Department also created an Early Release of Utilities application to set gas and electrical meters in a more timely fashion. This ultimately can save up to eight weeks of processing time towards final inspection of homes for homebuyers.

Supervisor Hagman continued, “I have personally seen the direct impact that government has on housing. I’ve also witnessed firsthand the benefits that new homes have on our economy, on job growth, on establishing family roots and on bringing stability to communities. The County Board of Supervisors is committed to working with the building industry to address and resolve our housing shortage.”

Supervisor Hagman was elected to represent the people of the Fourth District of San Bernardino County in November 2014. He currently serves the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Transportation Committee, and is a Commissioner on the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA). Previously, Hagman served as a State Assemblyman for six years representing California’s 55th Assembly District and was a former city councilman and Mayor of the City of Chino Hills.

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