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## **BIASC COVID-19 Update**

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### **SUBJECT: California Shelter in Place Order & Housing Construction Exemption**

Dear San Bernardino County Elected, City, Water, School, Utility, and Agency Partners,

Thank you for your collective leadership to ensure the health and safety of the residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the course of the COVID-19 public health crisis, the Building Industry Association Southern California, Baldy View Chapter (BIABV) had been in regular contact with the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) regarding new government policies and the impact on the homebuilding industry.

As you are aware, Governor Newsom has issued an Executive Order for all Californians to stay at home except for essential services which includes “critical infrastructure”. In consultation with Governor Newsom’s staff, CBIA has been assured that “home building is considered critical infrastructure.”

The state’s COVID-19 website has also been updated to include the following language:

*“The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, **and construction, including housing construction.**”*

To view Governor Newsom’s Order, click here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>

**Moving forward, we respectfully request to schedule a brief conference call with your appropriate staff to clarify any current or future proposed policy changes regarding access to housing entitlement services. If you have not changed your level of service then please email me to confirm at [carlos@biabuild.com](mailto:carlos@biabuild.com).**

**Our goal is to continue to work with you to provide the essential service of home construction during the current COVID-19 crisis to ensure the public has access to safe and healthy housing option in your respective jurisdictions.**

When faced with our current health and housing crisis; vulnerable populations, families and all others needing shelter rely on their homes being built and completed expeditiously.

We commend the local County, City, Water District, School District and Utility actions in addressing the health pandemic during this difficult and uncertain reality. We want to reiterate our commitment to working with your respective jurisdictions to help keep housing affordable and our communities safe.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Should you have any questions, please email me at [carlos@biabuild.com](mailto:carlos@biabuild.com) or I can be reached at 909-641-4630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos Rodriguez".

Carlos Rodriguez, CEO  
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