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We respectfully request that this correspondence be distributed to the Board and included in the official record for the item.

Please let me know if anything further is needed.

Thank you,



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Re: Support for Proposed Subcontractor Disclosure Ordinance

Chair Chaffee and Honorable Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters, I write in strong support of the proposed contractor disclosure ordinance before you.

This ordinance is a straightforward transparency measure that ensures the County and the public have visibility into who is performing work on large private construction projects in the unincorporated areas of Orange County. That is a reasonable and common-sense expectation as part of the permitting process.

The ordinance does not impose building standards, regulate construction methods, or alter project approvals or timelines. Instead, it builds upon existing state disclosure requirements by providing more complete and consistent subcontractor information through the permitting process. The information is provided by applicants and incorporated into existing procedures, meaning the ordinance does not create meaningful additional costs or workload for the County.

Because the ordinance does not regulate how buildings are designed or constructed, it does not constitute a “building standard” under state law, including AB 130. Rather, it establishes an administrative disclosure requirement tied to permitting and transparency, similar to policies that have already been implemented in multiple jurisdictions.

The ordinance is also not duplicative of existing law. State agencies enforce labor laws after violations occur, while this policy promotes front-end transparency and accountability before and during construction. These functions are complementary.

Similar transparency requirements have been implemented in San Diego County, as well as in Orange County cities including Anaheim, Santa Ana, Irvine, and Buena Park, along with other jurisdictions throughout Southern California. Construction continues in those jurisdictions, and responsible builders continue to successfully deliver projects.

This ordinance also helps address underground economy practices that continue to plague portions of the private construction industry. When workers are paid under the table or misclassified, responsible contractors who comply with the law are undercut, and taxpayers ultimately bear the cost through lost tax

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revenue and an increased reliance on public assistance from those workers and their families. According to state estimates, underground economy practices and payroll fraud in California's construction industry cost taxpayers and public agencies billions of dollars annually in lost revenue and unfairly disadvantage responsible

contractors who comply with the law. Transparency helps promote greater accountability within the industry.

At a time when public trust and accountability in government processes are under heightened scrutiny, measures that promote transparency and public confidence in the permitting and contracting process are both reasonable and appropriate.

We recognize that questions have been raised regarding certain provisions of the draft ordinance. Those concerns primarily relate to clarification and implementation details that can be addressed through targeted refinements prior to second reading and do not affect the core purpose or structure of the policy.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board to move forward with the ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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