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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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**AGENDA ITEM 12B**

**CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY  
STREAMLINING ORDINANCE**



worse with the emergency streamline ordinance. Staff is not qualified to have the power they currently have. I believe there could be a streamlined process but under the current staff and organization it is not working to improve the process. Also the quality of the projects passed with staff direction has become much worse with direction of staff under the current process. Thank you for your work and dedication to the city of Ventura.

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**From:** Diana Coronado  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** Diana Coronado  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- BIA-LAV Letter - Support Item #9B  
**Attachments:** 04.26.2021\_BIA-LAV Extended Emergency Order\_Support.pdf

Dear Mayor & Councilmembers,

Attached is the Building Industry Association's support letter on item #9B for today's Agenda. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana

**BUILDING FORWARD**



**ADVOCATING FOR BUILDERS  
SINCE 1923**

Diana Victoria Coronado  
**Vice President**

Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc.



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### **Re: Consideration of A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura, California, Reconfirming the Existence of a Local Emergency and Extending it Until July 10, 2021 – SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor & Councilmembers,

The Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc. (BIA-LAV), is a non-profit trade association focused on building housing for all. On behalf of our membership, we are submitting this support letter on the City's resolution to reconfirm the existing local emergency order put in place due to COVID-19. Over the last year, BIA-LAV has worked with cities across Ventura County to ensure that home construction and building remain essential services to meet the desperate need for housing felt across the region. Following a [letter](#) we sent a year ago (in support of the first emergency order), we appreciate the opportunity to work alongside the City, again, to move this extension forward.

BIA-LAV reviews all policies in relation to the current housing crisis. California ranks top in the United States for poverty and homelessness – both of which are largely attributed to the housing supply shortage and sky-high housing prices that are nearly three times above the national average. Considering that we are amid both a deadly pandemic and housing crisis, we need to continue to prioritize the development of housing. This emergency order will help in seeking to accomplish that goal.



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The legislature is also aware of the need to prepare for the challenges and difficulties that were imposed by COVID-19. Last year, the legislature passed [AB 1561](#) to extend development approvals. The bill provides an 18-Month extension<sup>1</sup> of certain approval expirations for residential and mixed-use residential projects. The approval that is extended by AB 1561 is one that was in effect on March 4, 2020 and would expire before December 31, 2021. Types of approvals extended include, state agency and local agency agreements; including all vested rights associated with an approval, permit or entitlement, building permits and many others. This bill in tandem with the City's local extension will ensure the continuity of housing and development.

We commend the City's actions in addressing the health pandemic during this difficult and uncertain reality. We want to reiterate our commitment to working with Government leaders to help keep housing affordable and our communities safe. Thank you for your consideration of extending the City's local emergency resolution. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact BIA-LAV Vice President, Diana Coronado, at [dcoronado@bialav.org](mailto:dcoronado@bialav.org).

Sincerely,

Diana Victoria Coronado  
Vice President  
BIA - Los Angeles/Ventura

*Sent via e-mail*

CC:

Gregory G. Diaz, City Attorney

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<sup>1</sup> This extension is further extended during any time the housing entitlement is subject to litigation. See, Government Code section 65914.5(e).

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**





We all saw what happened at our Capitol on January 6th where Capitol police officers were violently attacked during their attempt to secure the safety and security of our vice-president, representatives and senators. We should all understand that local governments, schools and even police departments are also not safe or secure with the rapid rise of these groups and individuals.

*White Lives Matter* is a white supremacist phrase<sup>1</sup> and has no place in a community that values everyone. White supremacist and neo-Nazi groups use these posters to recruit and spread their messages of hate. It creates an unsafe environment for people who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, AAPI, LGBTQIA, women and other communities and people of color, as well as Jewish people and other religious minorities. As the numbers of these hate groups rise, violence escalates and no one is safe.

White nationalists, those who support white supremacy, often identifying as neo-Nazis, are gangs. These posters are graffiti. Therefore, I am copying this letter to the VPD police chief to alert the gang suppression unit of the Ventura Police Department to make them aware of this heavy white supremacist activity and increase in our community. I am asking you, as our elected and appointed officials, to use every tool at your disposal to stop the proliferation of these hateful messages.

I urge all city and police officials to:

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- Publicly
- acknowledge that this is a threat to the well being of our entire community
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- Denounce
- the efforts of white supremacists
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- Educate
- the public about neo-Nazi gang recruitment and the dangers of white nationalism and white supremacist language
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- Confirm
- the City and County of Ventura's commitment to racial justice
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- Enlist
- the Gang Suppression Unit of local law enforcement to end open recruitment in our communities by neo-Nazi gangs
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- Ensure
- that supporters and believers of these movements are rooted out of local law enforcement if
- *any*
- exist within those ranks. Based on recent studies and statistics, there is a very high probability that some do.
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter, one which affects the well-being and safety of our community and all of its members. Please keep Ventura safe and welcoming for everyone.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Eggertsen