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Contents of Supplement: Letter from CA Apartment Association of Greater Fresno

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BILL - Amending the Fresno Municipal Code relating to standards for vacant buildings

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Greater Fresno Division**

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April 28, 2015

Council President Oliver L. Baines III
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Council President Oliver L. Baines III,

RE: Item 15-343 for April 30 (3pm) City of Fresno council meeting regarding Blighted Vacant Building Ordinance

We appreciate the City of Fresno's efforts by including CAA Greater Fresno on the Mayor / Council Code Enforcement Taskforce Committee. Local board member and attorney Steven R. Hrdlicka served as co-chair of this committee.

It is our understanding the Fresno City Council will be reviewing item 15-343, which is a proposed change to the Fresno Municipal Ordinance relating to the standards for vacant buildings. CAA Greater Fresno is in support of this proposed change for the vacant building ordinance.

However, it is our understanding that public comments are being accepted this week through the city clerk's office that will be part of the public record.

CAA Greater Fresno would like to state that we oppose any private attorney clause or internal inspection ordinances that may be requested by others to implement with this ordinance or any ordinances in the future. We are available to meet with you to provide more information on how these additional clauses would be detrimental to the business and rental housing industry. The Mayor / Council Code Enforcement Task Force, and the California Apartment Association of Greater Fresno believe that it is best to address other issues in a thorough detailed manner, through what has been referred to as Phase 2. You can reach me at 559-790-2933 with any questions.

Thank you

Stephanie Babb
Executive Director
CAA Greater Fresno

David Jackson, Chair
CAA Greater Fresno Board of Directors

cc: City of Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengin and City of Fresno Councilmembers
City Manager Bruce Rudd
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