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ATTACHMENT IV

July 12, 2019

Laura Simpson
Development Services Director
City of Hayward
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Ms. Simpson,

Thank you for the presentation on the proposed vacant and abandoned buildings ordinance you gave along with senior code enforcement manager Phil Nichols to the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Governmental Relations Council at its meeting on July 12.

Conferring with the Hayward Chamber of Commerce on issues of economic development such as this demonstrates a much-appreciated effort to connect with the business leadership of this city on a proposed ordinance affecting the office, industrial, retail and multi-family sectors.

The GRC appreciated the opportunity to give feedback on components of the ordinance, including monitoring, registration and inspection, maintenance, security and boarding, exemptions, fees and fines, staffing and public outreach. You will recall that GRC members were not only complimentary of the approach, but suggested that it be expanded to include vacant lots, as well.

The GRC later voted unanimously to endorse the proposed ordinance you presented for review.

If you have the need for a follow-up with the organization, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kim Huggett
President & CEO