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May 8, 2018

The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2163
Sacramento CA 95814

**RE: AB 2598 (Quirk) – Vacant and Blighted Property Violations
As amended April 16, 2018
Per County Platform – SUPPORT**

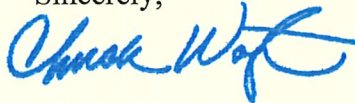
Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 2598, your measure that give local governments new tools to address the vacant or blighted properties.

Specifically, AB 2598 would increase fees that may be assessed for violations of local building and safety codes, with the fine schedule growing incrementally for multiple violations within specified timeframes. Under current law, the current administrative fine and penalty structure can, in certain circumstances, be insufficient to deter building and safety code violations. Your measure recognizes that the existing fine structure has remained unchanged for nearly 20 years. The proposed increases contemplated in AB 2598 represent a modest change that would assist local governments with code enforcement efforts.

For these reasons, the County of Riverside is pleased to support your measure. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Chuck Washington
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

cc: Riverside County Delegation