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Attn: Patrick Alford, Planning Manager

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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

SUBJECT: Banning Ranch EIR

Dear Mr. Alford:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject document. OCFA is currently the service provider to the area. Since this EIR is for annexation, it is difficult to respond to matters that normally would be of interest to OCFA. As such, the following comments are submitted:

- If development occurs after annexation, OCFA has no comment as the service provider becomes the City of Newport Beach.
- If development begins prior to annexation, OCFA will require an agreement between the City, County, and OCFA that addresses the transfer or retention of fire prevention, and planning & development services. This agreement would address issues such as access, water, inspection, plan review and other areas addressing fire service response.
- If the project is not annexed immediately, OCFA will require several other mitigations such as Optical Preemption devices on traffic signals and access gates, Secured Fire Protection Agreement, and methane mitigation reports.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached at 714-573-6199.

Sincerely,

Michele Hernandez
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