



March 11, 2018

Kootenai County Commissioners

451 N. Government Way

Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Dear Commissioners:

The Board of Directors of the Hayden Chamber of Commerce would like to provide the following written statement relative to the March 19, 2018 public hearing concerning the Kootenai County Building Code Ordinance, Case NO. – ORA 18-002.

The Board of Directors have voted to recommend that the Board of Commissioners support a policy that assures:

*"...that the County continue enforcement of the most current building codes, as adopted by the State of Idaho, until acceptable alternatives are found that address the health, safety and general welfare of all concerned, both now and in the future. This recommendation is consistent with the policy recommendations of NIBCA, the CDA Association of Realtors, The Idaho Association of Mortgage Professionals, and many private businesses in the building, lending and insurance industries. We encourage the County to maintain responsible building codes, while also pursuing improvements to the process to make it more efficient and affordable to encourage economic development in Kootenai County."*

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment and trust that your thorough and thoughtful deliberation will yield a decision that is in the best interest of your constituents, and our community.

Thank you,

Wayne Cofield, Board President

Diane Higdem, Executive Director