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Bill Nagel  
President  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Nagel,

I am writing in response to a question raised by your organization as to whether the new \$1 add-on fee for a business license "or equivalent instrument or permit" as enacted by SB 1186 (Steinberg-Dutton) is intended to apply to building permits.

The new add-on fee is not intended to apply to building permits. This very issue arose in our working group discussions and the group consensus was that the new add-on fee should not apply to building permits. Hence, the authors of SB 1186 adopted amendments to the bill narrowing the earlier proposed application of the new fee. Instead of applying the new fee to a "business license or similar instrument or permit," the language was narrowed to apply the new add-on fee to a "business license or equivalent instrument or permit," with the understanding that building permits and zoning or conditional use permits were not an "equivalent instrument or permit" to a business license.

I hope this letter addresses your question.

Also, let me again express my thanks for CALBO's participation in the SB 1186 working group. Your input greatly assisted the process.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene W. Wong".

Gene W. Wong  
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