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City of Grand Junction Planning Commission

RE: City of Grand Junction Landscaping, Zoning and Development Code Updates

Dear Planning Commission Members:

During the City of Grand Junction's updating of codes that affect future construction in Grand Junction, Western Colorado Contractors Association (WCCA) is urging the Planning Commission to recommend, before approval by City Council, that revisions to the current landscaping codes to be reviewed and commented on by the City's Zoning & Development Code Committee. WCCA commends the City of Grand Junction for efforts in updating the codes to meet the needs of the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan. WCCA members believe that collaborative efforts with both appointed committees of various stakeholders would provide for more equitable update that meets the objectives of the plan with limited negative impacts.

Although the Landscaping Code is only a section of overall development regulations, it is important that the codes for Landscaping do not conflict with the soon to be updated codes for Zoning and Development. The codes should all work together to obtain the goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning and Development Committee would provide stakeholder perspectives regarding the code revisions and possible solutions for more efficiency. The stakeholders that use the current codes would help avoid potential conflicts that could develop, or have previously, between the different sets of codes negatively impacting the completion of commercial and residential projects.

Industry leaders, and stakeholders responsible for adhering to the revised codes, need time for input and suggestions after codes are revised to ensure that comprehensive goals can be met without adversely affecting the development community or end user affordability. Review and input from various stakeholders on all codes revised also promotes a spirit of collaboration on, and public support of, code revisions to be adopted. These are code revisions that everyone will have to adhere by for several years. It is important to find equitable solutions that benefit all stakeholders.

In the interest of all who will be subject to the code revisions, WCCA urges the use of both code update committees for review of updates, and the recommendation of adequate stakeholder review and input before the consideration of adopting code revisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawna Grieger".

Shawna Grieger, Executive Director
On behalf of Western Colorado Contractors Association