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BIA Hires New Government Affairs Coordinator

Vancouver, Wash – (June 25, 2018) – The Building Industry Association of Clark County (BIA) has hired Ryan Makinster in the role of Government Affairs Coordinator. Ryan is already providing an active and visible presence in our local communities at city council meetings and county work sessions to represent the building industry. He will work collaboratively with builders, developers and county officials to align priorities and goals to support the homebuilding industry and its efforts to offer affordable housing for all markets in Clark County. He also serves as the staff contact for the Government Affairs Committee and the Green Building Council.

Prior to joining the BIA Makinster was the Executive Director of the Brewers Guild of Alaska and President of mAK Consulting a government relations, communications and organization management firm. Makinster has more than 18 years of non-profit administration, public relations, communications, and government relations experience. His previous responsibilities included member relations, industry education and advocacy, and managing the day-to-day operations of the organization. He is also responsible for communications, development and government relations.

Earlier in his career Makinster served as Executive Director for the Southeast Alaska Guides Association and Communications Consultant for Kenai River Sportfishing Association and as Chief of Staff to Representative Mia Costello. He has also worked as Communications and Events Director for the Alaska Chamber and Communications Director for the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation. Before that, he spent over 5 years as a legislative aide in the Alaska House of Representatives and Senate.

Makinster holds a bachelor's degree in communications from the Edward R. Murrow School of Communications at Washington State University. Makinster is originally from Longview, WA and graduated from Mark Morris High School.

If you wish to contact Ryan directly, he can be reached at ryan@biaofclarkcounty.org.

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The Building Industry Association (BIA) of Clark County is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of all businesses involved with real estate, land development, homebuilding and construction.