



WASHINGTON STATE  
**ASSOCIATION OF  
PERMIT TECHNICIANS**  
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Mr. Stuart Tom, Chairman  
ICC Nominating Committee  
c/o Mr. John Belcik, CEO  
International Code Council  
900 Montclair Road  
Birmingham, AL 35213

**RE: WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF PERMIT TECHNICIANS CHAPTER  
ENDORSEMENT**

Dear Mr. Tom,

On behalf of the Washington State Association of Permit Technicians (WSAPT), we are pleased to offer our general support for the candidacy of Mr. Ben Pothoff for the ICC Board of Directors.

While we have not had the opportunity to work with Mr. Pothoff directly, we recognize and respect his active leadership within ICC chapters and his clear dedication to the mission of building safety and innovation. His professional background reflects a strong commitment to public service, community engagement, and the development of future leaders in the code official profession.

WSAPT appreciates candidates who understand the critical role Permit Technicians play in the permitting and code enforcement process. We are encouraged by Mr. Pothoff's focus on mentoring, innovation, and cross-departmental collaboration—values that align closely with our own.

We wish him the very best in the nomination process and thank the Nominating Committee for its thoughtful evaluation of all candidates.

Sincerely,

*Tela Gardner*

Tela Gardner, President  
Washington State Association of Permit Technicians

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