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Mr. Stuart Tom, Chair
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International Code Council
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

**RE: Letter of Support for Mr. Ben Pothoff - Election to
the ICC Board of Directors**

Dear Chairman Tom:

As you know, Mr. Ben Pothoff of Dubuque, Iowa seeks the endorsement of the International Code Council (ICC) Nominations Committee as a candidate for the Board of Directors. The purpose of this letter is to voice California Building Officials' (CALBO's) endorsement of Mr. Pothoff and his candidacy for an **At-Large** seat on the Board of Directors. It is our hope that this endorsement of Mr. Pothoff will be of assistance to you and the Nominations Committee as his candidacy is evaluated.

As the largest chapter of ICC, CALBO has a vested interest in promoting only the most qualified of candidates for the Board of Directors. We look for geographic diversity, background, and commitment to the code official profession, demonstrated achievement and a strong understanding of contemporary issues affecting California and the west coast. CALBO feels that Mr. Pothoff has shown leadership in each of these aforementioned areas as an active and engaged member of the code council and is therefore worthy of service on the Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions about CALBO's endorsement of Mr. Ben Pothoff, please feel free to reach out to me directly. I look forward to personally supporting Mr. Pothoff's election in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Raj Patel, P.E., C.B.O.
President