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Members of the 2019 Group B Appeals Board, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sims --

I hope this message finds each of you and your families well during these difficult times.

The **City of Orlando** had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 IECC voting process for the first time this year. We were relieved to read in April that the challenges were not upheld by the Validation Committee and review of the ICC Board of Directors. We recently learned these same challenges have been resurfaced as appeals. The City of Orlando is writing today to encourage you to uphold the outcomes of this voting process.

We'd like to address two main areas of the appeals:

1. **The attempt to overturn the online vote:** Our voting representatives followed the rules laid out by the ICC in the voting process, and in doing so, it seems did overturn some proposals that were disapproved at the committee level and at the hearings in Las Vegas. Our membership is allowed 12 votes. This is more than the number of committee members (11) and at times more than the number of voters in the room in Las Vegas (between 5-64). We took into consideration the opinion of the committee, the written proposals and public comments, and the video testimony, and believed that for our jurisdiction, the proposal met our needs. Our needs may be different than those represented by the committee or the members in Las Vegas, but that does not make our needs less valid.
2. **The attempts to remove electrification measures from the code:** We heard at various points in the hearings testimony that the IECC may not be the right place for these measures, but following the rules that were put before us we chose, as many did, to disagree. We know that to meet the needs of our city, electrification is a critical piece of energy security, energy planning, and energy conservation to meet our climate goals. Our actions were informed and deliberate – to help us move our energy codes forward, measures that help us plan for electrification must be included.

Thank you to you and your staff for maintaining the integrity of this system. We encourage you to uphold these voting results.

Best regards,

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