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Subject: Potential Changes to the IECC Development Process

Dear ICC Board Members:

I would like to express my concern regarding the changes that the International Code Council (ICC) Board is considering for the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) development process. The proposed changes to make the IECC a standard instead of a code will abandon the democratic process that has made the code so successful. The Governmental Consensus Process is used to develop the family of International Codes (I-Codes), why would the Board change it only for the IECC? Also, why would a less democratic process be more effective or desirable? The ICC website states that its Governmental Consensus Process, which could literally involve voting by tens of thousands of local and state jurisdictions “leaves the final determination of code provisions in the hands of public officials who, with no vested financial interest, can legitimately represent the public interest.” By contrast, ICC’s Standards Consensus Process places the final standard’s determination in the hands of a few dozen committee members.

The IECC plays an essential role in jurisdictional public policy, please continue to include the Government Consensus Process. Thank you for your leadership in establishing trusted and safe model building codes. I appreciate your dedication to a fair and open code development process.

Sincerely,
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