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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm and confidence that I write this letter in support of James Brooker's candidacy for the position of Director at Large. James is a dedicated, experienced, and respected leader in the building safety profession, and he would bring both depth and perspective to this role.

James currently serves as the Building Official for the City of Alpharetta, where he has worked for over eighteen years. His journey from Building Inspector to Building Official speaks volumes about his work ethic, leadership, and commitment to the profession. Prior to his time in Alpharetta, James also served as a Building Inspector for Whitfield County, further expanding his practical knowledge of enforcement and field operations.

James's leadership extends beyond his municipal responsibilities. He is the current President of the Building Officials Association of Georgia (BOAG) and has been an active member of its Board of Directors since 2018. Additionally, James has served as President of the Northeast Georgia Inspectors Association and is a proud member of ICC Region VIII, consistently contributing to conversations that shape our profession at the state and national levels.

One of James's most valuable contributions has been his service on the Georgia State Codes Advisory Committee and his involvement with the 2024 IRC Task Force, where he played a key role in recommending updates for Georgia's upcoming code cycle. His technical knowledge, practical field experience, and collaborative mindset made him an asset to this process.

A passionate advocate for the Code Council's Safety 2.0 program, James actively promotes building safety careers to younger generations. His involvement with local career day events and participation in the National SkillsUSA program demonstrate his dedication to growing and mentoring the next generation of building professionals.

He also served as a Panelist at the Code Council's Chapter Leadership Academy and was a recipient of the Council's Code of Honor Scholarship, further proving his dedication to ongoing professional development and leadership.

With over 30 years of construction experience including more than 20 years in Building Code Enforcement and multiple ICC certifications, James brings a rare combination of technical expertise, leadership, and vision. A committed family man, James lives in Cleveland, Georgia, with his wife of 24 years and their two high school-aged children.

In every role, James has demonstrated integrity, professionalism, and a true passion for the advancement of building safety. I can think of no better candidate for Director at Large, and I offer my strongest recommendation for his nomination.

Sincerely,
Kevin Gobble
Chief Building Official, Cobb County