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Stuart Tom, Chair ICC Nominations Committee  
c/o Will Coffman  
International Code Council  
900 Montclair Road  
Birmingham, AL 35213

Dear Committee Chair,

I am writing to provide strong support for Neville R. Pereira's candidacy for the ICC Board of Directors, particularly emphasizing his exceptional qualifications in emergency response and public safety – areas that are increasingly critical to our building code mission.

As a Structure Specialist and Current Lead for FEMA CATF-1 Urban Search and Rescue since 1998, Neville brings unique expertise in structural assessment during emergency situations. This real-world experience in evaluating building performance during disasters provides invaluable perspective for code development that prioritizes life safety and structural resilience.

Neville joined the first response to hurricanes Harvey and Irma in 2017 as part of our 72 person team for urban search and rescue. His structural and safety insights are integral to the mission and outcomes of what we do.

His comprehensive approach to structure safety assessment, combined with his certifications in building inspection and accessibility, ensures that public safety considerations are viewed through multiple lenses – from initial design through post-disaster evaluation. This holistic perspective is exactly what the ICC Board needs as it addresses evolving safety challenges.

The building code community faces increasingly complex challenges related to climate resilience, natural disasters, and public safety. Neville's extensive emergency response experience, combined with his technical expertise and leadership capabilities, makes him uniquely qualified to help guide ICC's response to these challenges.

I recommend Neville Pereira without reservation for election to the ICC Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Knabe*  
Adam Knabe, Battalion Chief  
CA-TF 1 Program Manager