Board of Directors
International Code Council
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Dear Members of the Board:

The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) traces its roots back more than 80 years and serves the full range of the interior design profession and practice through the Society's programs, networks, and advocacy. Our nearly 25,000 worldwide members represent individuals of all specialties, including workplace, healthcare, retail and hospitality, education, institutional, and residential practice, students, and industry partners. We spend approximately 90% of our lives in interior spaces, so our members use evidence-based and human centric design to affect social responsibility, comfort, well-being, and sustainability. Our members showcase the impact of design on the human experience and the value interior designers provide using data, science, codes, and standards to create better, safer, healthier, and more comfortable spaces for where we live, work, play, and heal.

The American Society of Interior Designers believes that design transforms lives. Thoughtful design can support organizational priorities such as occupant health, productivity, accessibility, and financial return. Certified interior design professionals must master the design guidelines set forth by building codes and standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to best serve their clients.

Because of the relationship amongst health, safety, welfare, accessibility and design, the Society offers our support for the adoption of the most recent edition of the coordinated family of International Codes (I-Codes).

Keeping building and fire safety standards current, coordinated and uniform creates consistency for businesses, design professionals, and contractors and provides regularity through one set of regulations and code provisions. A coordinated set of codes eliminates duplicative requirements that would have significant impact on heavily regulated buildings such as hospitals. Updating to the latest family of model codes ensures uniform application of the latest building technology requirements, energy efficiency provisions, and safety considerations. This uniformity not only protects the lives of residents and first responders, but also appeals to private businesses and construction practitioners.

We are grateful for the partnership the American Society of Interior Designers has forged with the International Code Council and we look forward to our continued joint work to support the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
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