

August 14, 2020

2019 Group B Appeals Board  
Mr. Greg Wheeler, President  
Mr. Dominic Sims, Chief Executive Officer  
International Code Council  
500 New Jersey Ave., NW, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Sims, and Members of the 2019 Group B Appeals Board:

We appreciate the opportunity that Online Governmental Consensus Voting provided to our city's voting members to participate in the code development process, and we hope to continue to participate in future code cycles.

The City of Minneapolis is concerned that the 2019 IECC voting process is being questioned via the appeal: **"Impact of Online Voting (CP28), Cost impact, Voting guides."** As a city, we have strengthened our ICC membership in recognition that the ICC's building codes and standards are central to protecting people's health and safety in the built environment. Our sustainability office sets energy policy and funds programs to promote efficiency in our city's homes and buildings. Highly efficient, resilient buildings are a component of health and safety and we are pleased to have increased our participation in the ICC's voting process this cycle.

Our votes were accurately expressed in the Online Governmental Consensus Voting process and we expect the ICC to stand behind the results.

Regarding Appeal **"Scope and Intent (RE147 and CE217-Parts I & II)."** The code updates - RE147-19 and CE217-19 - provide design and construction requirements that have a direct impact on the effective use of energy over the useful life of buildings and are important to our city. The intent of the model code is to "regulate the design and construction of buildings for the effective use and conservation of energy over the useful life of each building." Adding electrical outlets near gas-fired appliances and updating buildings for electric vehicle charging will allow for cost-effective and beneficial future electrification for transportation and heating end uses. We wish to see the voting results of these important code updates stand.

Regarding the appeal **"Voter eligibility, Validation process,"** this challenge to the code development process is also a challenge to our local goals to address energy waste and climate emissions caused by energy use in buildings. ICC Bylaws state we are eligible to participate as "employees or public officials [who] actively engage either full or part time, in the administration, formulation, implementation or enforcement of laws, ordinances, rules or regulations relating the public health, safety and welfare."

ICC is the single most recognized organization for the development of model codes. Our jurisdiction, like thousands of others, relies on ICC as the starting point for modern building safety codes that help ensure the engineering of safe, sustainable, affordable, and resilient structures. While the outcome of the 2021 IECC may have surprised some stakeholders, it speaks to your organization's relevance that more members in public service are taking the time to join, be validated, and vote in favor of buildings that contribute to a cleaner, more energy efficient future.

In order to preserve the integrity of the ICC voting process, City of Minneapolis encourages ICC to uphold the outcomes of the recent vote.

Thank you for your support of ICC members in the Online Governmental Consensus Voting process. We value your leadership and our ICC membership. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about our position in this matter.

Sincerely,

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