



September 2, 2025

Mr. Stuart Tom, Chairman
ICC Nominating Committee
International Code Council
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, AL35213

RE: ICC BOD Candidate Endorsement – Andy Higgins

Dear Chairman Tom:

On behalf of the Oregon Permit Technicians Association (OPTA), I am writing to offer our support for Andy Higgins's candidacy for the At-Large position on the ICC Board of Directors. Andy's extensive experience, unwavering dedication, and significant contributions to the field of building safety and code enforcement make him an exceptional candidate.

Andy is currently the Customer Success Director for the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), having previously served as the Engineering Services Director for SDCI for over 15 years. His recent appointment in June 2025 to fill a Director At-Large vacancy on the ICC Board of Directors is a testament to his leadership and commitment to the ICC community. Additionally, Andy has served as the Secretary of the ICC Building Membership Council (ICC-BMC) and continues to serve as the Immediate Past President of the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO).

With over 28 years of experience in the building and code profession, Andy has made significant contributions to the development and advancement of the Code Council's mission. He has been a steadfast supporter of the SDCI and WABO Technical Code Development teams, encouraging and significantly growing participation in the Code Development Process. As a Past President of WABO and former Chair of the WABO Code Official Accreditation Program (WABO-COAP), Andy has been instrumental in cultivating the next generation of successful code officials. His efforts have focused on reaching individuals from non-traditional educational pathways and underrepresented communities.

In conclusion, Andy Higgins's extensive experience, proven leadership, and unwavering dedication make him an outstanding candidate for the At-Large position on the ICC Board of Directors. We are confident that Andy will bring honor, integrity, and a wealth of knowledge to the position, significantly benefiting the ICC and its members. OPTA proudly endorses his candidacy and urges the committee to recognize his exceptional qualifications.

Respectfully,

Serena Locke, OPTA President

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