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## **ANCR launches new committee to develop housing resilience benchmarks**

*The benchmarks provide U.S. communities guidelines to determine the resilience of their housing stock and cover quantity, affordability, emergency shelters and homeownership*

**Washington, D.C.** – The International Code Council and the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) announced the creation of an expert committee to develop benchmarks for determining housing resilience in U.S. communities. The second of 19 functional areas of essential services, the housing benchmarks focus on the availability, quantity and quality of homes, emergency shelters and other housing options.

The Housing Benchmarks Committee consists of 21 subject matter experts from the public and private sectors who will make recommendations on metrics to help define and determine levels of achievement in housing resilience. Laurie Schoeman, Senior National Program Director of Resilience and Disaster Recovery for Enterprise Community Partners, and Adam Gordon, Associate Director of the Fair Share Housing Center, are co-chairing the committee. For the full committee roster, [click here](#).

“This group of talented individuals, including housing professionals, architects, home builders and community development specialists, are lending their expertise to create the housing benchmarks. With their support, we can begin to tackle housing affordability, which is key to resilient and sustainable communities,” said ANCR’s Executive Director Ryan Colker.

Earlier this year, [ANCR released](#) its community resilience benchmarks on buildings with a strong focus on the important role of modern, up-to-date building codes in community resilience. Codes save lives and money, mitigate damage from natural disasters, and support financial stability and economic growth. ANCR will be developing additional benchmarks, to include water, energy, financial security and more, for consideration and implementation by U.S. communities. Learn more at [www.resilientalliance.org](http://www.resilientalliance.org).

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### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).

### **About the Alliance for National & Community Resilience**

The [Alliance for National & Community Resilience](#), a member of the [Code Council Family of Companies](#), is a coalition of public and private entities working to create the nation's first whole-community resilience benchmark.