



August 17, 2020

RE: In Response to Appeals of the ICC 2019 Group B Code Cycle Final Action Results

To members of the 2019 Group B Appeals Board, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sims,

The City of Boston participated in the 2021 IECC voting process this year. We support the April decisions of the Validation Committee and the ICC Board of Directors to dismiss challenges to the results of that vote. We recently learned these same challenges have resurfaced as appeals. The City of Boston is writing today to encourage you to similarly reject these appeals.

We'd like to address two main areas of the appeals:

- 1. The attempt to overturn the online vote:** Our voting representatives followed the rules laid out by the ICC in the voting process. We studied the various proposals carefully, taking into consideration the opinion of the committee, the public comments, and the video testimony, and voted in accordance with our conclusions about what was best for our jurisdiction and, in our opinion, for the country as a whole. That we, along with a majority of voters, reached conclusions that differed from some recommendations or from some other voters, does not invalidate those conclusions. The purpose of voting is to resolve such differences, and should not be subject to after-the-fact manipulation. There is no evidence that voting was conducted outside of ICC rules.
- 2. The attacks on our credentials to be voters:** The City of Boston carefully followed the rules and procedures laid out by the ICC to become members, select and register qualified voting representatives, study and understand the proposals, and vote using the cdpAccess tool. Our conformance with ICC rules was confirmed by the ICC itself through its certification process. The attack on the credentials of our voters and our understanding of what we voted on is unfounded.

Thank you to you and your staff for maintaining the integrity of this system. I encourage you, again, to uphold these voting results. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Carl Spector
Commissioner of the Environment
City of Boston