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Mr. Greg Wheeler, Chair  
Nominations Committee  
International Code Council  
900 Montclair Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

**RE: Letter of Support for Mr. Stuart Tom**

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As you know, Mr. Stuart Tom of California has faithfully served as a member of the International Code Council Board of Directors since 2015. Currently, Mr. Tom seeks the endorsement of the International Code Council (ICC) Nominations Committee as the nominee for the Vice President position on the ICC Board of Directors. The purpose of this letter is to voice California Building Officials' (CALBO's) strong endorsement of Mr. Stuart Tom and his candidacy as a re-elected member of the ICC Executive Committee. It is our hope that these comments and experiences with Mr. Tom will be of assistance to you and the Nominations Committee as his candidacy is evaluated.

Stuart represents a rare form of code official; one that has served as both the Building Official and the Fire Marshal as the head of both departments. This ability to understand both departmental nuances as a professional practitioner is a rare find in today's local government and would well serve the membership of the code council.

As an active member of CALBO throughout his entire professional career, Stuart has been a strong contributor to the code official profession. As a founding member and previous Chairman of the collaborative *Building and Fire Advisory Committee*, Stuart has worked alongside building and fire industry leaders seeking open, candid and productive code

development. This work has also afforded Stuart with the opportunity to work with local, state and national elected officials on practical remedies and governmental consensus. Certainly these attributes and experiences would be welcomed as a continued perspective to the ICC Executive Committee.

Without question, Stuart's industry affiliations are notable and lengthy. Stuart has remained an active member of his local, state and national code development organizations and chapters throughout his professional career. Stuart has been awarded CALBO's *Building Official of the Year* (2006) and led the city as the Building Official when CALBO's *Building Department of the Year* was awarded to Glendale (2014.) Stuart was also awarded the inaugural *Building Official of the Year* award by the California Fire Prevention Officers in 2011. These awards are never given without strong achievement and meritorious contribution.

Without question, Stuart has been a contributing member of the ICC Board of Directors. Representing Section A well, but not limited to the western geographic political mindset, Stuart has been a steadfast proponent of the ICC membership. He has proven his leadership capacity as Secretary/Treasurer over the preceding year and his continued service to the membership as Vice President will ensure that our profession remains thoughtful, vigilant, with a bit of polish.

CALBO is extremely confident in Mr. Tom's abilities to effectively continue service on the ICC Executive Committee and we strongly encourage the Nominations Committee to support his candidacy. Should CALBO be able to provide any further comments regarding our endorsement of Mr. Stuart Tom, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Best regards,

**David B. Gonzalves, CBO**  
President