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August 4, 2021

William Bryant, Chairman
ICC Nominating Committee
c/o Dominic Sims, CEO
International Code Council
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, AL 35213

RE: SUPPORT ICC BOARD MEMBER STUART TOM FOR ELECTION TO THE ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

Dear Mr. Bryant,

The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) is proud to support ICC Board Member Stuart Tom for election to the ICC Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer.

Stuart's dedicated work ethic and strong leadership qualities have served the ICC and the State of California in an exemplary manner. He has been a strong voice for the building industry and has consistently demonstrated a thorough understanding of the importance of codes and their impact on the cost of construction, life safety, and the resiliency of buildings.

Stuart's commitment to building and fire safety is unmatched in California as someone who served decades both as a building official and fire marshal. He is imminently familiar with ICC's Building and Fire Codes adopted in California, having both co-authored several of the code provisions, and taught numerous classes statewide.

CBIA believes that his professional background, dedication, and experience will continue to serve and represent the ICC's membership in a positive manner while promoting its mission. On a personal note, I am grateful that I've had the pleasure of working directly with Stuart in California for more than twenty years while I was representing the ICC as an attorney/lobbyist in CA, and later as an employee of ICC. Stuart and I have also served together on CALBO's Building and Fire Advisory Committee. Stuart remains committed as ever to building and fire safety.

The CBIA is honored to support ICC Board Member Stuart Tom for election to the ICC Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer.

Sincerely,

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