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

The City of Richmond had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 IECC voting process. We were relieved to learn in April that the challenges were not upheld by the Validation Committee and review of the ICC Board of Directors. We were disappointed to learn that these same challenges have been resurfaced as appeals. The City of Richmond is writing today to encourage you to uphold the outcomes of this voting process.

We’d like to address the main area of the appeal re: the attacks on our credentials to be voters.

Our staff put a great deal of effort into following the ICC guidelines to become members, register governmental voting representatives, engage in understanding the proposals, and vote using the cdpAccess tool. Given limited budgets for travel to participate in multiple iterations of the code development process, the open voting period was an excellent opportunity for our staff to be engaged in this process. We believe it is of great benefit to have a larger percentage of eligible voting members participate in the code development process. We believe we followed the rules to become members, and that our voters are informed and knowledgeable on the issues put in front of them and the needs of our city. The attack on our understanding of what we voted on without knowing our voters is unfounded.

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

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