

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment

Board of Directors
International Code Council
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW
6th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Opposition to proposed move of IECC to “consensus procedure”

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to replace the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with a standard. I urge the Board of Directors to reject this recommendation.

Moving development of the IECC under the ICC Consensus Procedures is a bad idea. It would strip the direct participation of the qualified local government members who implement the IECC in their own jurisdictions. The District relies upon the IECC to meet local official goals and commitments. The present IECC system is a rich and democratic process, which has doubtlessly contributed to the IECC’s success.

The proposed move will reduce transparency, inviting special interest influence. It will hamper future energy efficiency gains.

The IECC in its present form is an essential tool for the District of Columbia to meet our climate change goals and honor the Paris Climate Agreement. The District of Columbia would like to continue to work together with ICC to drive future energy efficiency gains.

For these reasons, I strongly urge that you reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Tommy Wells
Director

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