



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

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

Subject: Potential Changes to the ICC Code

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

In November 2020 International Code Council (ICC)'s Long Term Code Development Process Committee (LTCDDPC) voted to recommend the elimination of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and its replacement with a standard. We are writing to urge the Board of Directors to reject this change. This action would remove a direct mode of participation by governments like the City of Providence in the code development process.

In December of 2019, the City of Providence, along with fellow local government representatives from across the United States, participated in the International Code Council (ICC) code development process, and voted to improve the 2021 IECC. The City relies on the IECC as a foundational pillar in our climate and energy policies, which include a goal to be carbon neutral by 2050.

We value the ICC process that allows a balanced group of stakeholders to participate in the development of its model codes. We are concerned that with the conversion of IECC into a standard, our building code officials and other qualified professionals would be unable to participate in an ANSI standards committee process to inform the development of the standard, and that the currently balanced code development process would shift in favor of industry professionals. We urge the Board to reject this proposed change.

Sincerely,

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor