

August 13, 2020

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

**Re: Upholding the Outcomes of the IECC Voting Process**

To whom it may concern,

The City of Milwaukie had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 IECC voting process and appreciated the ability to contribute to topics that are important to our community. We were relieved to read in April that the challenges were not upheld by the Validation Committee and review of the ICC Board of Directors. We recently learned these same challenges have resurfaced as appeals and encourage you to uphold the outcomes of the voting process.

We'd like to address three main areas of the appeals:

1. **The attempt to overturn the online vote.** Following the rules laid out by the ICC in the voting process, Milwaukie voting representatives as well as a majority of other voters overturned some proposals that were disapproved at the committee level and at the hearings in Las Vegas. The online votes vastly outweighed the number of votes on the committee or in the room at the public comment hearings. We thoughtfully and deliberately voted to move the IECC forward in order to meet the needs and goal of our community. We took into consideration the opinion of the committee, the written proposals and public comments, and the video testimony, and believed that for our jurisdiction, the proposal met our needs. While we acknowledge that our community's needs may differ from those represented by the committee or the members in Las Vegas, our reasoning and vote are valid.
2. **The attempts to remove electrification measures from the code.** We heard at various points in the hearings testimony that the IECC may not be the right place for these measures, but following the rules that were put before us we chose, as many did, to disagree. The transition to electrification of buildings and transportation is essential in our climate action efforts as a city, especially as we move to decarbonize the grid. Our actions to support the inclusion were informed and deliberate – to help us move our energy codes forward, measures that help us plan for electrification must be included.



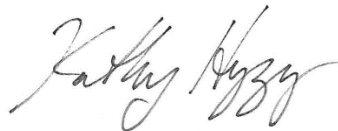
- 3. The attacks on our credentials to be voters.** Our city staff put significant effort into following the ICC guidelines to become members, register governmental voting representatives, engage in understanding the proposals, and vote using the cdpAccess tool. As a smaller community with limited resources 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. The Milwaukie voting representatives voted in the interest of our community, as directed by [Milwaukie Council Resolution 70-2019](#), "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, To Support Cities Climate, Energy and Fiscal Goals by Voting in Unity for a More Efficient 2021 International Energy Conservation Code". As mentioned previously, our votes were thoughtful and deliberate to meet the needs of our community.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Gamba, Mayor



Kathy Hyzy, City Councilor