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Executive Director

RE: Nomination of J.C. Hudgison, Associate AIA, to the Board of Directors of the International Code Council

Dear Mr. Wich,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write to endorse the elevation of J.C. Hudgison, Associate AIA for the Board of Directors of the ICC. I serve as the executive director for the American Institute of Architects, Georgia and Atlanta chapters, and worked with him for many years before he moved to take his current role at the City of Tampa.

J.C. served on the board of AIA Georgia for many years, serving primarily in two important roles: representing the smaller chapters in the state, and acting as AIA's liaison to the Department of Community Affairs and its role in managing the building code process in Georgia. Since the state was in a codes cycle at the time, having a well-respected architecture professional in that role was immensely helpful in ensuring that Georgia continue its ongoing trajectory of building a stronger and stronger set of building codes.

Hudgison also served as one of the most knowledgeable and respected professionals in the state on building codes and permitting. Best of all, he held a useful and masterful understanding of the political implications of this work with local governments, professional associations, and various construction entities in the AEC space. In 2017 and 2018 he was a featured speaker at AIA Georgia's Day at the Capitol, when nearly 100 of our members spent the day talking to their elected officials about issues affecting the profession.

Finally, he also demonstrated a strong commitment to educating the next generation of architects and other design professionals through our Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program. This nationally recognized program identifies 16 professionals each year to focus on key issues facing the AEC industry, that are not taught in depth (or at all) in universities. J.C. spoke to two cohorts of this program, and is still fondly remembered by those classes.

Good luck with the process, and you could do no better than including J.C. Hudgison in your future ICC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

David Southerland
Executive Director
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