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Ms. Cindy Davis, Chair Nominations Committee International Code Council 900 Montclair Road Birmingham, Alabama 35213

RE: Letter of Support for Mr. Stuart Tom – President

Dear Chairwoman Davis:

With honor, we offer Mr. Stuart Tom of California our endorsement as the next President of the International Code Council (ICC). Since 2015, Stuart has pridefully held leadership roles on the ICC Board of Directors. We look forward to his opportunity to take the helm and accept the call as ICC President in St. Louis. Hopefully our comments and experiences with Stuart will be of assistance to you and the Nominations Committee as his candidacy is evaluated.

Mr. Tom exhibits a rare, and highly attuned ability to relate to our professional membership. As you know, Stuart represents an atypical form of code official; one that has served as both the Building Official and the Fire Marshal as the head of both departments. This ability to understand both departmental nuances as a professional practitioner is an infrequent find in today's local government and speaks to his ability to connect with our peers.

From the CALBO standpoint, Stuart has been an active contributor throughout his entire professional career. As a founding member and previous Chairman of the collaborative *Building and Fire Advisory Committee*, Stuart has worked alongside building and fire industry leaders seeking open, candid and productive code development. This work has also afforded Stuart with the opportunity to work with local, state and national elected officials on

practical remedies and governmental consensus. Certainly these attributes and experiences would be welcomed as a continued perspective to the ICC Executive Committee.

Without question, Stuart's industry affiliations are notable and lengthy. Stuart has remained an active member of his local, state, and national code development organizations and chapters throughout his professional career. Stuart has been awarded CALBO's *Building Official of the Year* (2006) and led the city as the Building Official when CALBO's *Building Department of the Year* was awarded to Glendale (2014). Stuart was also awarded the inaugural *Building Official of the Year* award by the California Fire Prevention Officers in 2011. These awards are never given without strong achievement and meritorious contribution.

As we all know well, Stuart has been a contributing member of the ICC Board of Directors since 2015. Initially representing Section A, but not limited to the western geographic political mindset, Stuart has been a steadfast proponent of the ICC membership. He has proven his leadership capacity as Vice President over the preceding year and his continued service to the membership as President will ensure that our profession remains thoughtful, vigilant, with a bit of polish.

CALBO is extremely confident in Mr. Tom's abilities to effectively serve our ICC membership as President and we strongly encourage the Nominations Committee to support his candidacy. Should CALBO be able to provide any further comments regarding our endorsement of Mr. Stuart Tom for President, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely yours, 000

Brad Wungluck, C.B.O. President