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Crafting National Policy with Your Votes for Energy Efficient Buildings

Action Alert to DVRPC Members:

September 19 is the deadline to register your ICC Governmental Member Voting Representatives!

Act now to secure your voting rights to update America's Model Energy Code!

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DVRPC members: The Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC) would like to alert you and your jurisdictions to an opportunity to vote in the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) update that take place this November. As you may know, the 2009 IECC is the basis for Pennsylvania's energy code, and a version of the IECC has been adopted in 40+ states.

The IECC—America's Model Energy Code—is updated every three years in a process that requires International Code Council (ICC) governmental members (local governments like yours) to approve the content of the new energy code through votes cast by Governmental Member Voting Representatives (GMVR) appointed by your jurisdiction. The GMVRs are usually code officials, building inspectors, fire marshals, sustainability and planning staff, and other qualified individuals.

The EECC feels this is a timely and important issue to bring to the attention of DVRPC and its members. Efficiency improvements to the IECC in recent cycles are now part of the Philadelphia region's sustainably planning and a key building block for assuring a minimum level of energy efficiency in buildings. Most efficiency experts agree that regular, modest improvements to the energy code are needed to meet long-term sustainability goals.

The US Conference of Mayors endorsed the goals of this campaign!

This past June, the US Conference of Mayors (USCM) adopted a resolution in support of improving the 2018 IECC now under development. The resolution calls for: (a) A modest 5% energy efficiency increase in the 2018 IECC, (b) Opposing measures that roll back efficiency requirements or weaken the code, and (c) Encouraging municipal support for all eligible code officials to attend the ICC hearings and to vote in favor of continued and future efficiency gains for America's Model Energy Code. The EECC encourages local Councils of Government to support the USCM resolution and take the necessary steps to participate in this process.

The fact sheet accompanying this Action Alert spells out the procedural steps to assure that your GMVRs are properly credentialed to cast their votes and that your jurisdiction claims ALL the votes to which it is entitled (4, 8 or 12 votes depending on population. See instructions.)

Philadelphia Metro area local governments belonging to DVRPC can be effective in strengthening the IECC by:

- Registering to vote and securing voting credentials as an ICC Governmental Member Voting Representative by **September 19**
- Casting your “hand votes” in-person in Kansas City at the ICC Public Comment Hearings, **October 19-25** (these votes set the agenda for the subsequent on-line voting)
- Casting your on-line ballot with cdpACCESS (for code measures that improve efficiency and prevent rollbacks) during the on-line voting period, **November 8-22**

We also urge DVRPC members to become informed on policy and technical issues with the 2018 IECC development and how to participate effectively. A good source for this information is the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition’s ***The Power is in Your Hands*** code campaign web site at:

<http://energyefficientcodes.com/power/>

The site includes useful information such as recorded webinars and presentations, policy papers and advocacy materials and links to the USCM resolution. The Energy Efficient Codes Coalition also offers educational webinars on using cdpACCESS, energy code development policy and other timely IECC topics. The DVRPC will send out notices of these educational webinars to its members.

An Invitation to Join With Us and Our Campaign

EECC and our outreach team members invite you and your local government to join with us to bring this campaign to the local level through your city or town, or through your local council of governments. Your local governmental unit should consider the following actions:

- ✓ Distribute campaign event announcements to your local government and code official email lists
- ✓ Promote national energy code information webinars by ICLEI and others
- ✓ Arrange and host cdpACCESS training sessions for the ICC’s online voting system
- ✓ Facilitate ICC voting rosters and voting credentials
- ✓ Send delegates to the ICC code hearing in Kansas City
- ✓ Distribute the EECC voting guide and summary recommendations to local code officials.

For more information on the 2018 IECC Campaign and how to participate, please contact us through your preferred membership organization or network:

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