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The current position of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Building Officials related to CDP Access is one of fundamental support. All procedures that enhance the opportunity for building officials to participate in creating the very codes they are charged with enforcing will receive our support.

The Board commends the International Code Council for pursuing the monumental task of providing a path for all governmental members to participate in the code development process.

Our board as well as many of our members have been following the progress of CDP Access through participation in webcasts, focus groups, networking, and reading the most current information provided on ICC's website. To date, IABO has been supportive of ICC's attempts to encourage stakeholders to provide feedback to the CDP Access Steering Committee. Some of the ancillary provisions being discussed by the committee, such as the electronic forums, are very attractive to those of that participate regularly in the code development process.

To date there has been very limited discussion related to the actual voting process using remote technology. We look forward to participating with ICC to resolve future issues as they become apparent. IABO is optimistic that we will support a process to cast votes on code changes remotely, but will endeavor to protect the quality of the codes being developed and the integrity of the process. IABO will also work with ICC to assure there will be sufficient incentive to still attend the code development hearings, preserving the valuable benefits that building officials experience while in attendance. We need to preserve benefits such as networking, mentoring, training and development that cannot be realized remotely.

IABO understands that with any substantial undertaking such as this there will be obstacles and hurdles to overcome. However, we are poised to assist ICC and our membership to provide a process that preserves the goals and values of both ICC and IABO.