



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

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Resolution No. 49 – Adopted June 14, 2010

ENDORISING THE MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

Sponsored by Mayor Miguel Pulido, City of Santa Ana, CA

WHEREAS, America's mayors have long recognized the importance of energy efficiency in the development of a successful national energy policy; and

WHEREAS, homes and commercial buildings are America's largest energy-consuming sector – using over 40 percent of the nation's energy and 75 percent of its electricity; and

WHEREAS, the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is the most widely used model code for residential construction in the U.S., establishing efficiency baselines that are voluntarily adopted by over 40 states; and

WHEREAS, the IECC is currently undergoing a review and revision process of the 2009 IECC, culminating in final votes by ICC Government Members represented by code and other officials from cities, counties and states in the fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, calls for increasing residential efficiency by 30 percent have been issued by the Western Governors Association, ASHRAE, the U.S. EPA/DOE National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency, the American Institute for Architects, the Business Roundtable and by leaders in

Congress from both parties; and

WHEREAS, the broad-based Energy Efficient Codes Coalition has compiled a series of efficiency improvements into a comprehensive package of recommendations known as "The 30% Solution 2012" and submitted it for adoption; and

WHEREAS, support for The 30% Solution 2012 comes from a diverse cross-section of energy efficiency professionals, including the National Association of State Energy Officials, all five regional energy efficiency alliances, the Alliance to Save Energy, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, electric utilities (IOUs, municipal and coops), low income housing advocates, and others; and

WHEREAS, The 30% Solution 2012 incorporates affordable, off the shelf technologies and practices, and studies show these efficiency improvements would enhance the affordability and security of homeownership by generating net positive cash flow for homeowners; and

WHEREAS, at its first round of code development hearings, the IECC Development Committee took significant preliminary steps for energy efficiency, recommending the adoption of proposals that could increase both residential and commercial efficiency of the 2012 IECC by 30% over the baseline 2006 IECC; and

WHEREAS, at its Final Action Hearings this fall in Charlotte, NC the International Code Council (ICC) voting representatives, made up primarily of municipal code officials, will consider these Development Committee recommendations and will vote to establish the 2012 IECC; and

WHEREAS, the nature of the voting membership of the ICC puts mayors in a unique position to encourage the eligible code officials from their cities to participate in the ICC deliberations and vote for the full package of efficiency measure outlined in The 30% Solution 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 IECC will strongly influence efficiency performance in millions of U.S. homes expected to be built in the U.S. until the succeeding 2015 IECC is adopted in 2014, which makes the success of adopting The 30% Solution 2012 critical to reducing these homes energy use over their 70-80 year lives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the full adoption of The 30% Solution 2012 at the ICC's Final Action Hearings this October in Charlotte and encourages municipal support for all eligible code officials to attend these hearings and to vote in favor of the adoption of The 30% Solution 2012.

Cost Estimate: Unknown

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