



How Municipalities Can Impact America's Building Code

The "Power is in Your Hands"

EECC-ICLEI-NARC-USDN-BCAP-IMT-ACEEE Campaign
MWCOG Policy Briefing & Organizing Meeting

July 21, 2016; 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

MWCOG; 777 N. Capitol Street, NE; Washington, DC; First Floor Rooms 4 and 5

Registration is required @ lboggs@mwkog.org.

What You Will Learn

- ▶ That Building Energy Codes have myriad benefits to your community, putting money in your constituents' wallets, stabilizing electricity grids which delays the need for new power plants, & reducing carbon emissions.
- ▶ That America's Model Energy Code – the IECC – is updated every three years by local and state official voting; that local and state officials have boosted the efficiency of the last three IECCs by 38%; and that 2016 is the year the International Code Council (ICC) is facilitating the development of the 2018 IECC.
- ▶ That in the first round of hearings, efficiency opponents won recommendations that will rollback or trade away those gains, making the 2018 IECC the first IECC in history that is weaker than its predecessor code.
- ▶ That "THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS" to defeat the rollbacks proposals and support putting the 2018 and future IECCs on a glide path of modest and steady improvements. Governmental members of the ICC will have a two week voting window to cast their 4, 8, or 12 allowable votes.

Draft Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Leah Boggs, MWCOG

Why the outcome of this year's IECC update is critical to the Washington area & to the nation

About America's Model Energy Code – the IECC

Its sweeping benefits, who supports it, how it's developed, the vital role of local & state officials in ensuring dynamic building efficiency gains

Consequences of Efficiency Rollbacks

Loss of adoption assistance, lack of progress, delays in incorporating new practices and technologies, lost potential for energy savings and carbon reductions

What You Can Do

1. Establish Steady Efficiency Progress/No Rollbacks as Your Jurisdiction's Public Policy for 2018 and Future IECCs. Link building energy codes to your sustainability policies.
2. Identify, Register, & Work with Your 4, 8, or 12 Code Officials (*September 19 is the Deadline for Registering Your Governmental Member Voting Representatives – GMVRs – with ICC*)
3. CAST YOUR 4, 8, OR 12 VOTES DURING ICC'S 2-WEEK ELECTRONIC VOTING WINDOW (*Currently Anticipated to open on November*)

How We . . . MWCOG-EECC-ICLEI-NARC-USDN-BCAP-IMT-ACEEE . . . Can Help

1. Use EECC's Voting Guide (endorsed by US Conference of Mayors since 2008). EECC conducts in-depth evaluation of all 2018 IECC update proposals. Yardstick is simple: Vote yes on proposals that boost efficiency using shelf-ready technology. Vote no on all proposals that rollback and/or trade-off efficiency.
2. Ask Us for Technical Support