

THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS

Crafting National Policy with Your Votes for Energy Efficient Buildings

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**JOIN WITH US IN
THIS IMPORTANT
NATIONAL ENERGY
POLICY INITIATIVE!**

Our Goals for This Year:

- ✓ Improve the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) by a minimum of 5% this fall, and
- ✓ Put future IECCs on a glide path of steady efficiency gains with every three year update to America's Model Energy Code

Why is this important?

Buildings account for 42% of total energy use in the United States. They also use 71% of all electricity and are responsible for 40% of CO2 emissions. More efficient buildings use less energy, stabilize grids, and save consumers and businesses money on their utility costs.

The 2018 IECC Campaign is your opportunity to help set national energy policy by voting **for** efficiency improvements and **against** roll-backs in building energy codes.

The power is in your hands – and those of other concerned local governments – to upgrade the IECC, America's model energy code for efficient new residential and commercial building construction. About 75% of new construction nationwide is covered by this energy code.

Join with the Energy Efficient Codes Coalition (EECC), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), and other energy efficiency advocates in this year's campaign to improve the 2018 IECC by a minimum of 5% and adopt a practice of regular and steady efficiency improvements every three years.

Tune into our ongoing national webinar series to learn how your local government can effectively participate in this national policy debate. For more information, please visit:

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

How can you participate?

The International Code Council (ICC) facilitates a year-long, open, and public process that allows local and state governments to develop and update the IECC and 14 other construction “I-Codes.” **Every three years, local and state officials vote on behalf of their jurisdictions to approve the final content of the IECC.** Elected officials, energy and environmental policy staff, and sustainability officers should work with their Governmental Member Voting Representatives (i.e. code officials) to insure that their votes are consistent with their jurisdiction’s sustainability and energy efficiency policies.

Each Governmental Member can cast 4, 8, or 12 votes, based on population – here’s your 2016 Action Timetable:

- Sept. 19** **DEADLINE: Submit your final voting roster to ICC.**
- Oct. 19-25** **In-person debate and voting on the 2018 IECC at ICC Hearings in Kansas City, MO.**
- Nov. 8-21** **ICC’s expected window for casting online votes for the new 2018 IECC.**

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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