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**Late Backup**

Ms. Susan Barr, AIA  
Residential Inspections Supervisor  
City of Austin  
505 Barton Springs Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Austin, Texas 78704

Ref: Adoption of 2015 IRC for residential plumbing

Dear Ms. Barr,

As you are well aware, plumbing codes are not exclusive to plumbers – they involve builders, architects and property owners. After reviewing the proposed recommendation, AIA-Austin is in full support of staff's recommendation to adopt the plumbing sections of the 2015 IRC for single-family, duplex and townhome construction. Additionally, we recommend that the UPC be considered by the Building Official as an alternate method of compliance to ease the transition to a new code.

Adopting the plumbing sections of the IRC would support the City's current action plan to adopt the International Code Council set of national codes in order to achieve a more harmonized set of codes while the Building Official should work to eliminate existing local code amendments whenever possible.

Respectfully,

Stuart Sampley AIA  
Advocacy Commissioner / Past-President