



SIX-POINT POLICY OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING OFFICIALS

PREAMBLE: Recognizing that there are unique areas in the State of California where problems are better solved on an area basis, and feeling that the state should establish minimum standards of safety rather than develop codes, and believing in the concept of uniformity and that, in general, building regulations can best be enforced and administered at a local level, we adopt the following six-point policy:

POINT 1: We support the preparation, adoption, and enforcement of minimum standards for the protection of the public in the field of building regulations. We are opposed to unwarranted preemption of the field of preparation and enforcement of building regulations by the state.

POINT 2: We support the adoption by reference of published editions of model codes and nationally recognized standards with as few amendments as practicable, by both state and local government. Any amendments or changes to the model codes or standards, except those changes of a local nature due to climatic, topographic, geographic, or other local conditions, should be submitted as proposed changes to the appropriate code or standards through proper channels.

POINT 3: Where the state has adopted minimum standards for the regulation of buildings, local jurisdictions may enforce their own codes as long as these codes, when considered in their entirety and when considered on a performance basis, are equal to or more restrictive than state laws and regulations. The local government body shall have the authority to determine such equivalence.

POINT 4: When state laws or regulations are relegated to a local jurisdiction for enforcement, we support the concept that the local governing body should have the authority to designate which department or officer is the enforcing agency.

POINT 5: We support the concept that it is necessary to more clearly define the authority of state agencies in preparing and administering state standards in order to eliminate overlapping jurisdictions.

POINT 6: We support the concept that when the state determines a statewide need giving cause to adopt legislation or regulations that add to local enforcement, the legislation or regulations shall also include appropriate provisions for reimbursement of necessary educational investment and cost of implementation and enforcement.