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Dear CALBO Colleague:

I wanted to personally write to you and request your presence at the upcoming California Building Officials (CALBO) Annual Business Meeting (ABM), to be held in Indian Wells April 5-9, 2020. Understanding the importance of coming together as a profession, I’m hopeful that you will be able to join your colleagues this year for the event.

As you know, as Building Officials we have much in front of us in 2020. With the code changes that became effective January 1, we have developed a highly timely and topical program that will aid in your efforts to implement the new codes. At the ABM, you will have the opportunity to directly meet with representatives from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Division of the State Architect (DSA), the Energy Commission (CEC), the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OHSPD) and the State Fire Marshal (SFM) Chief Mike Richwine. Not to mention we will have most of the state licensing boards and commissions in attendance, which will also give you unparalleled one-on-one time with the implementation and enforcement arms of our state government.

Additionally, our keynote speaker is Mr. Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), who certainly has a lot to share in the looming face of an upcoming recession.

The senior leadership of the model code making bodies, including the International Code Council (ICC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) will also be in attendance. Given that it is rare that we are able to attend their meetings throughout the country, having them present at our ABM provides us with considerable access and opportunity for engagement.
It goes without saying that much of what we do as Building Officials comes down to interpretation. Bringing our entire profession together annually enables us to talk through issues and items that are important to our communities. This can include accessory dwelling units (ADUs), seismic safety and resiliency, wildland-urban interface (WUI) codes and enforcement, in addition to disaster response. All of these items are included within the ABM program as well. Please also keep in mind that as a full-program attendee of the ABM, you will be eligible for .6 (6 hours) of CEU credit for attending a class on Thursday, April 9.

Attending the CALBO ABM is indeed a commitment of time and resources, but most jurisdictions are able to send representatives given the importance of the program. Due to the high value of our speakers and the need to enable their attendance, we do our best to keep our fees competitive, but still have to cover our costs to ensure the integrity of our program.

Please find our full program and registration details available at: https://www.calbo.org/annual-business-meeting. The ABM is appropriately featured in the Professional Development section of our website. I am confident that once you view the full program, you will see how imperative it is for you to join your professional colleagues in Indian Wells. I hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Sharon Goei
President