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Subject: IBC/IFC 909.6.3 Discussion

Eric:

Thank you for taking time during the break to discuss proposed amendment of Section 909.6.3 of the Building and Fire Codes.

I was confused when you suggested there had been no public comment, because there had been public comment, both written and verbal, to B14 during the Group 1 public hearings; and no public comment was accepted regarding the amendments on July 26, 2019 when the council voted on them. And an appeal was submitted August as a Petition for Reconsideration.

I continue to not understand why the Council is deciding to make such a drastic change with the 2018 code and reversing its decision from that applied with the 2015 code.

Thank you for your request and invitation to provide alternate language. As stated in my written testimony and as stated to you during the break, the language from the 2015 code should be retained.

If you wish to refine the text of the amendment, you may consider my oral and written testimony for additional relevant code sections which should minimally be prescribed for all stairway and/or elevator hoistway pressurization systems.

Thank you for your service to our great State.

Yours truly,

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Traci:

Thank you for taking time during the break to allow me to express my agreement with Dave that there are a number of provisions in Section 909 that do not apply to stairway or elevator hoistway pressurization systems.

As I pointed out, and as stated in my written testimony, Section 909.2 of the IBC and IFC has since 2003, and still does in 2018, only requires design of smoke control systems to comply only with applicable sections of 909 (emphasis added).

This issue was discussed with the 2015 code change when Section 909.6.3 was added, and I am confused why the Council is going back on its previous decision, and reducing the level of safety throughout the state.

Thank you for your service to our great State.

Very Respectfully,

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