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The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
Attention: Ms. Monica Rea
Governor's Office Appointments
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the ICC Orange Empire Chapter, we enthusiastically offer this endorsement of Mr. Jay Elbettar, who is seeking appointment to the California Seismic Safety Commission. We hope that you will find value within our comments and familiarity with Mr. Elbettar.

Jay has served as Chief Building Official and Director of the City of Newport Beach, a full service department comprised of three divisions including plan review, permit issuance, inspection, overseeing a staff of 38 and a budget of \$5.0 million. Moreover, Jay has served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, President, and Past President of the Orange Empire Chapter and two time chair of the county wide code uniformity adoption effort.

In addition, Mr. Elbettar has a long history with CALBO in a number of key leadership roles, such as his current service as a member of the CALBO Board of Directors. Mr. Elbettar is also a member of the Steering Committee, which is currently tasked with overseeing CALBO's efforts to aid the State agencies with their amendment packages towards the adoption of the pending California building, fire and residential codes.

On the basis of such experiences, I believe Jay possesses abundant leadership and responsibility skills, and would be an asset to the commission.

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The ICC Orange Empire Chapter is delighted to endorse **Mr. Jay Elbettar's** appointment to the California Seismic Safety Commission. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 714-404-3761.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hadi Tabatabaee".

Hadi M. Tabatabaee, P.E., B.C.O.
President
ICC Orange Empire Chapter

cc: Anthony Weimholt, Board Secretary