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City Council Hearing on Intro 478

Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York

Written Statement to the

**New York City Council
 Committee on Housing and Buildings
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Since 1937, the purpose of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council has been to aid in achieving a more livable and prosperous city by a wise union of public and private planning and action for the improvement of housing and neighborhood conditions throughout the five boroughs. To this end, CHPC strongly supports the replacement of the City's outdated building code with the International Building Code as expressed in Intro 478.

The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has studied the main alternatives to the current building code and recommends that the City adopt the International Building Code according to the blueprint described in Intro 478. CHPC believes the City is long overdue for an overhaul of its building code and that a process that allows for relevant New York amendments and subsequent periodic review is a sensible approach to keeping the building code modern.

CHPC endorses the position expressed by the AIA New York Chapter and supports the enactment of Intro 478.

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