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Mr. Stan Nishimura
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Dear Mr. Nishimura:

On behalf of the SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee, I'm inquiring about the state's plans for the next model code for the seismic retrofit of unreinforced masonry buildings and other vulnerable building types. We are interested in learning if your Commission, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of General Services, the University of California and California State University are considering the Appendix A Chapters of the International Existing Building Code 2003 Edition (IEBC) as published by the International Code Council for the proposed 2004 family of model codes to be adopted by the state (CBSC, Title 24, Part 10 and Division VI-R).

The 1997 Uniform Code for Building Conservation is not current and no longer being published or maintained. Our Committee has helped update it twice in the 2001 Guidelines for the Seismic Retrofit of Existing Buildings and the 2003 IEBC as a result of our successful code change proposals. We are currently drafting new and revised commentaries for the IEBC's Appendix A and we plan to prepare code change proposals to update the IEBC in its 2006 Edition.

The Committee supports the state's adoption of the IEBC and its Appendix Chapters and would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the state's public hearings on the matter. Please keep us abreast of your plans. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, SEAOC Existing Buildings Committee