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Dear Members of the Select Board,

As the co-chairs of Sustainable Arlington, we would like to tell you about one of the easiest ways that you, representing the citizens of Arlington, can have a significant impact on reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. You have the opportunity to vote to improve the energy efficiency measures in the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), which is used to define building codes here in Massachusetts and across the country.

Amendments to the IECC are voted on every three years by community officials like you from all over the country. In the last cycle there were *only 450* community officials nationwide casting votes. In the last two cycles, or six years, the energy efficiency requirements of the IECC have barely budged, meaning that our national base code is not doing what it has to do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help fight the growing effects of climate change.

We are proud that Arlington was an early adopter of the Stretch Energy Code. That means that we have already been going above and beyond in working toward a net zero future. Now we need to do more. By voting to raise base code efficiency requirements, you can also help build the case for upgrading the Stretch Code which has not been significantly improved since we adopted it.

We therefore ask the Select Board to become an official entity in the 2019 round of IECC voting. We know that you preparing for Town Meeting. Nevertheless, we ask you: please find the time to add this to your load, and take another step toward a clean energy future. By voting to become an official entity for the 2019 IECC voting process, you can help raise the bar for building efficiency across the country while helping Arlington achieve our Net Zero by 2050 goals and our commitment to goals set out in the Paris Accord.

This ask comes with some urgency as the deadline for community government entities including the Select Board, to register is March 29th. The cost to register is \$135 per entity, and that single registration gives you up to four votes. While March 29th is the deadline to register as entity, selection of voters for a given entity can be made until September. Actual voting is in November and takes an hour or two.

The Massachusetts Climate Action Network, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, and Sierra Club support this initiative. Based on their analysis of proposed IECC amendments, they will provide education and guidelines for voters.. We hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity in 2019 as it only occurs every three years. Given what has been said in recent reports about the need for urgent action in the next

decade to avert the worst effects of climate change, we can't afford to wait another three years to take aggressive action on energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

Amos Meeks and Brucie Moulton

Co-Chairs, Sustainable Arlington

An environment committee of Envision Arlington