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BOMA CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS THE NATION'S FIRST GREEN BUILDING CODE *Progressive Standards Lead the Nation in Sustainable Building and Management*

The Building Owners and Managers Association of California (BOMA California), a statewide professional organization representing the commercial real estate sector, is proud to support the first statewide green building code in the nation, as adopted today by the California Building Standards Commission.

“California’s commercial real estate industry is already one of the ‘greenest’ in the nation, building and managing some of the most sustainable buildings in the nation, and we praise the Governor and state for taking this logical next step of building these practices into the code,” stated Rob Cord, a Sr. Managing Director at real estate firm Kennedy Wilson, and the elected President of BOMA California.

BOMA California has worked closely with the state to assure the new codes are achievable and cost effective, and remain active in the process as the commercial codes move from voluntary to mandatory in future adoptions.

In addition to supporting these progressive building codes, the larger commercial real estate industry led by BOMA International, has many successful programs to encourage the industry to be as green as possible. For example the organization has a successful Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP), has signed MOU’s with the Clinton Climate Initiative, the Green Building Initiative (“Green Globes”), U.S. Green Building Council (“LEED”), and has issued a “7-Point Challenge” to their members to reduce energy usage in commercial buildings, encourage efficiencies, and shrink their carbon footprint. As well, several BOMA local associations have formed partnerships with local utilities to encourage and educate members about how to become more energy efficient.

“This is a great example of public and private entities working together to assure that our state continues to lead the nation in green building techniques, policy, and actually produce sustainable buildings not just talk about them in theory,” stated Cord.

BOMA California is the statewide association representing each of California's eight regional Building Owners and Managers Associations. Members of BOMA represent all facets of the commercial real estate industry, including property managers, facility managers, owners, asset managers, engineers, and leasing brokers. BOMA is dedicated to professional and ethical property management and provides members with legislative advocacy, industry information, and professional education opportunities. For more information visit www.bomacal.org.

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