



MAKING BUILDINGS BETTER FOR EVERYONE

IN 2019, WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE BUILDINGS MORE COMFORTABLE, MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, AND SAFER TO LIVE AND WORK IN. FOR A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME, **YOU** CAN MAKE BUILDINGS BETTER AROUND THE WORLD.

WHY IS A CHANGE IN BUILDING CODES IMPORTANT?

Buildings are responsible for over half of all energy consumption in Massachusetts and are responsible for 46% of carbon pollution.

The good news? In 2019, we have a huge opportunity! Eligible officials across the U.S. will vote on the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), the code for new buildings built in the U.S. and beyond. **By passing a better building code, we can make buildings more efficient for everyone.**

Every three years, the code is revised, and in 2019 we have the opportunity to take **a significant leap forward**. With your help, the next code would maximize building efficiency and safety, and minimize climate pollution, ensuring that every new building we build is better for the planet and our wallets. **More comfortable buildings are more equitable for residents everywhere, regardless of income.**



WHY MASSACHUSETTS?

Although the efficiency code determines building regulations across the world, in the last code cycle, **less than a quarter** of eligible officials in Massachusetts registered to vote. The good news is that means you can make a HUGE difference, just by helping us get more officials registered in MA. We know that if enough towns in Massachusetts have their officials vote the right way, we can win this!

If we can register enough pro-efficiency municipal officials by **March 29th, 2019**, we can make buildings **better, safer, and more cost-effective for everyone.**

THIS ISN'T JUST A CLIMATE ISSUE — IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE

A study after Superstorm Sandy showed that more efficient buildings allowed residents to stay in their homes for more days during extreme weather conditions—literally saving lives. ²



U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Ryan J. Courtade

¹ <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/ma-ghg-emission-trends>

² <https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/periodicals-and-newsroom/2018-marks-the-20th-anniversary-of-the-international-energy-conservation-code/>



WHAT CAN I DO?

JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Step 1: *Identify* some of the people in your town that are eligible to register vote on the code, people like members of city councils or boards of selectmen, members of planning departments, city and town managers, sustainability directors, and energy managers.

Step 2: *Think about* who is eligible that is also a climate champion, and will fight to make buildings more efficient and more equitable for everyone.

Step 3: *Reach out* to your municipal officials! Email rebecca@massclimateaction.net to access MCAN's resources for code official outreach.

Step 4: *Stay involved!* We have until March 29th, 2019 to register the right officials and make sure that the new code is a step forward, rather than a step back.

VOTING TIMELINE



JAN 1ST

2019 registration opens



MARCH 29TH

Deadline for Primary Representative registration



SEPT 23RD

Deadline for Governmental Members to confirm their roster



NOV 13TH

Voting opens to determine 2021 IECC



NOV 27th

Final day to vote

**FOR A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME, YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY
BUILDINGS ARE BUILT AROUND THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!

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