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ICC's Ochoa Named Vice Chair HPBCC Policy Committee

The committee educates federal policymakers on the importance of high-performance buildings



Christopher (Chris) E. Ochoa Esq., the [International Code Council's](#) (ICC) Vice President of Government Relations for Federal Activities, has been named Vice Chair of the 2016 High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition [Policy Committee](#).

The Policy Committee is a private sector coalition of building community stakeholders working to educate federal policymakers on the importance of high-performance buildings and advocating policies to achieve enhanced building performance. It provides guidance and support to the High-Performance Buildings Caucus of the U.S. Congress to promote and showcase best practices in building design and focus on issues reflecting all aspects of high-performance buildings including accessibility, aesthetics, cost-effectiveness, functionality, historic preservation, productivity, sustainability, and safety and security.

“Chris’ experience and knowledge in building safety, codes and standards will be valuable to advance the objectives of the Caucus, including a view from the perspective of ICC members, especially code and fire officials, architects, designers and engineers,” said ICC Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO.

Ochoa is responsible for developing and fostering Code Council relations and communications with federal administrators and agencies, Congress, congressional staff, congressional committees and professional organizations.

He was a partner in the Ochoa & Moore Law Firm in Sacramento, Calif., serving as Director of the Legislative, Administrative and Sports Representation Divisions. He represented ICC in Sacramento as

outside counsel for 18 years, working closely with ICC Government Relations on many issues including adoption of the I-Codes. He has extensive experience analyzing legislation, and interacting with legislators and governmental agencies. Prior to his law practice, he served on the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) government relations staff.

Ochoa holds a juris doctor degree from the University of California at Davis and a bachelor's degree from UCLA.

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About us: The [International Code Council](#) is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).