



Position Statement

Building and Fire Codes

POSITION

BOMA/GLA supports the current state and local code development processes which allow for input by all affected stakeholders, including commercial building owners. During these processes, we encourage policy makers to consider the financial and operational impact of regulations, and work with our industry to pursue public safety in office buildings in an effective and efficient manner.

BACKGROUND

BOMA/GLA has excellent working relationships with both the California Building Standards Commission and the L.A. City Fire and Building and Safety Departments. For over 30 years, members of BOMA have met regularly with city officials to discuss issues relating to the construction of tenant improvements and potential changes to the state codes. This collaboration has promoted a deeper understanding on both sides of difficulties and limitations in the regulated environment.

State code officials work similarly with BOMA California representatives, obtaining our input on a wide range of code issues, from construction materials and gray water to fire extinguishers and elevators.

While public safety is always of primary concern, confusing and lengthy plan review and conflicting decisions by various departments add to the cost of doing business in California. BOMA views our continuing collaboration as essential for the development of codes that protect the public while respecting real-world concerns.