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**SACRAMENTO VALLEY BUILDING OFFICIALS
 ACHIEVE VICTORY IN CODE CHANGE**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials’ Code Development Committee submitted two code changes to the International Code Council during its 2009-2010 Code Development Cycle. While the changes have not yet been authorized by ICC, they have not been not been rejected, which is a victory in itself.

The SVABO Code Review Committee identified a disagreement among SVABO members regarding section 2308.12.4 concerning the use of alternative bracing in seismic design categories D and E. The Committee proposed code change S216, which would define how bracing should be used in seismic design categories D and E. This change was supported by the Structural Engineers Association of California and was unanimously approved.

Proposed code change S216:

**TABLE 2308.12.4
 WALL BRACING IN SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORIES D AND E
 (Minimum Length of Wall Bracing per each 25 Linear Feet of Braced Wall Line*)**

CONDITION	SHEATHING TYPE ^b	$S_{DS} < 0.50$	$0.50 \leq S_{DS} < 0.75$	$0.75 \leq S_{DS} \leq 1.00$	$S_{DS} > 1.00$
One story	G-P ^c	10 feet 8 inches	14 feet 8 inches	18 feet 8 inches	25 feet 0 inches
	S-W	5 feet 4 inches	8 feet 0 inches	9 feet 4 inches	12 feet 0 inches

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

The second proposed change, G-79, addresses concerns raised in prior code development hearings regarding live and work units. The proposed code change would clarify egress and accessibility requirements for live and work units. This change was also approved with overwhelming support.

SVABO is committed to working for its members through code development and enforcement. “The approval of these code changes represents a significant step in SVABO's

return as an influential player in code development on the national level,” said SVABO Secretary Greg Mahoney.

SVABO provides its members, associates and the general public with the latest developments in building safety from local, state, national, and international perspectives. SVABO has more than 200 active members.

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