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Subject: ENDORSEMENT OF AMAL SINHA

Dear CALBO,

On March 13, 2008, the members of the ICC Los Angeles Basin Chapter voted unanimously to endorse the nomination of Mr. Amal Sinha, Deputy Director/Building Official for the City of Simi Valley to serve on the CALBO Board of Directors. Mr. Sinha has been in the Building and Safety profession in California for over 35 years. Furthermore, he has served on the CALBO Seismic Safety, Building Standards, and Strategic Committees; he has held various positions with the ICC Peninsula, Ventura, and Tri-Chapter committees and boards; and has served with numerous other professional and civic organizations. His experience and background are detailed in the attached resume.

The ICC Los Angeles Basin Chapter members believe Mr. Sinha is an asset to our profession and his contributions to the CALBO Board would serve further to enhance the status of CALBO and all building and safety professionals in the state of California.

Please contact me at craig.johnson@culvercity.org or (310) 253-5802 should you will to discuss this endorsement.

Sincerely,

Craig Johnson
President

Enclosed: Resume for Amal Sinha

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- Education:** **Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts**
Certificate, Public Policy for Senior Executives in State and Local Government
California State University, San Jose, California
M.S., Civil Engineering
Jadavpur University, Calcutta, India
B.S., Civil Engineering
- Registration & Certification:** Registered Civil Engineer, State Board of Registration, California
Registered Traffic Engineer, State Board of Registration, California
ICC Certified Building Plans Examiner and Building Inspector UBC
- Experience:** 40 years of progressively responsible engineering, management and leadership experience, including more than 28 years of supervising, managing, directing and leading a group of managers, chiefs, supervisors, engineers, inspectors, planners, technicians, accountants, information technologists and other support staff engaged in producing good quality development in the community.
- 04/08 – Present:** **Deputy Director/Building Official; Department of Environmental Services, Building and Safety Division, Simi Valley, CA.** Direct all functions of Building and Safety and Code Enforcement Division. Also coordinate various development programs with Economic, Redevelopment, Planning, Housing and Public Works Departments. Lead changes and improvements in the area of team building and out reach to businesses, industries, professional organizations and residents. Manage and advise citywide disable access program. Respond to media inquiries and issue press releases to keep community informed. Collaborate with many city departments public and private agencies in developing effective governmental process to improve quality of construction. Currently, I am managing a Division having twenty two (22) professionals and support staff.
- 10/97 – 04/04:** **Deputy Director/Chief Building Official; Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, San Jose, CA.** Directed and coordinated all aspects of the award winning Building Division functions involving inspections, plan review, enforcement and compliance with codes and regulations. Managed a total construction valuation of \$1.67 billion with a staff of over 167 employees, and an annual budget of over \$22 million to issue over 31,000 permits and perform over 212,000 inspections annually. Led the Tri-chapter uniform code interpretation and regional uniform code adoption program and also served as President of the ICC Peninsula Chapter. Implemented automated record management system, award winning online permit issuance system and Integrated Development Tracking System to fully automate all functions to further improve service quality.
- 09/93 – 10/97:** **Chief Plan Check Engineer/Plan and Permit Function Manager; Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, San Jose, CA.** Managed all aspects of plan check permit approval functions across all disciplines, and supervised a staff of 29 managers, supervisors, engineers, inspectors, technicians, and other support staff. Resolved disputes and provided code interpretations. Coordinated projects with other city, state, and governmental agencies. Represented the City in International Conference of Building Officials, Joint Venture, and Santa Clara Valley Manufacturing Group meetings. Assisted in the complete reorganization of the Building Division to improve customer service, staff productivity, reduce plan check turnaround time, streamline the development review process, and assisted in economic development. Consolidated plan check functions of all trades to allow concurrent review and issuance of all permits simultaneously. Instituted extensive staff training, monitored quality and developed feed back system to enhance skill level of the staff and improve the quality of plan check. Implemented the Building Division one-stop permit center by co-locating Planning and Fire Department staff in the Building Division. Received bonuses and merit increases for outstanding performance.
- 1992 – 09/93:** **Lead Building Plans Engineer/Permit Center Supervisor; Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, San Jose, CA.** Worked in various assignments. Developed and implemented express plan check procedures and policies, and trained engineers to improve quality and reduce turnaround time. Managed permit center functions, including express plan check functions, with a total staff of 20 engineers, inspectors, technicians, and clerks. Significantly improved turnaround time and customer satisfaction.

- 04/80 – 1992:** **Building Plans Engineer; Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, San Jose, CA.** Reviewed and approved construction plans and calculations for permit issuance. Participated in training engineers, inspectors, and technicians. Actively participated in many task forces to improve customer service and quality of plan check.
- 03/77- 04/80:** **Associate Civil Engineer; Department of Public Works, San Jose, CA.** Supervised a group of engineers and technicians to plan, design and implement the City's \$32 million Capital Improvement Program. Organized and conducted neighborhood meetings to obtain input and to disseminate improvement information.
- 07/73 – 03/77:** **Assistant/Junior Civil Engineer; Department of Airport, San Jose, CA.** Supervised a group of engineers and technicians to plan, design, and implement Airport facilities. Developed and improved a noise monitoring system. Assisted in the development of airport master plan.
- 04/71 – 07/73:** **Design Engineer; Flour Utah & Space Age Engineering, Mountain View, CA.** Worked in consulting firms to design various buildings and structures.
- 01/66 – 10/70:** **Lecturer in Civil Engineering: Polytechnic Institute, Calcutta, India**
Taught estimating, surveying, roads, materials and drawings.
- Recognition:** Received merit increases and bonuses for commendable and outstanding performance
Received commendation from the Mayor and the City Council
Received certificate of Appreciation, California Building Officials, 2003
Received certificate of Appreciation, Almaden Valley Community Association, 1992
- Continuing Education:** Graduate of San Jose Management Development Program
Management and Supervision Courses: Motivation, Discipline, Public Contact and dealing with the press
Structural Engineering and Seismic Design courses, classes & seminars in codes, laws and regulations
- Professional Activities:** President and Executive Board Member, ICC Ventura Chapter, 2006-2008
Executive Board Member and President, ICC Peninsula Chapter, 2000-2004
Member, CALBO Seismic safety, Building Standards, and Strategic Planning Committee, 2000-2008
Chair, Tri-Chapter Uniform Codes Adoption and Interpretation Committee, 1996-2004
Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1973 - 2008
Member, Structural Engineers Association of Northern California, 1985-2002
Made presentation to a Sister City delegation in April, 1997
As Mayor's representative, presented City's development process and its impact on City services in Bangalore, India, January, 1997
- Community Activities:** Commissioner, Santa Clara County Transportation Commission, 1990-95
Commissioner/Vice Chair, Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, 1992-97
Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee, Santa Clara Transportation Authority, 1996-97
Member, Program Implementation and Planning Committee, 1992-95
Member, Santa Clara County Highway, Bikeway Committee, 1990
Director/Chairman, Bay Area Bengali Associations, 1987-93
Board Member, Federation of Indian Associations, 1988-90
Board Member, Almaden Springs Homeowners Association, 1987-90
Board Member, Santa Clara Valley Leadership Program 1993-96
Vice-President, Pseo Del Sol Home Owners Association, 2007-2008