My name is Manny Muniz and I hope you have had a chance to read the White Paper I sent the council because it has important facts that I feel should be considered. As you know, the local chapter of BOMA is asking that you vote for Option #2 and not adopt the Fire Code provisions for egress path markings. This essentially undoes the final actions of the governmental voting members at ICC and is inconsistent with what BOMA International believes as stated on their web site. Quote "BOMA International strongly supports the research that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has accomplished in its investigation of the World Trade Centers collapse on September 11, 2001. BOMA continues to work to ensure that the proposed new regulations, codes and standards that may be rendered out of this research are carefully studied, tested, and debated. BOMA firmly believes that the recommendations that emanated from the NIST research are most appropriately addressed in the model codes and standards development arenas." End of quote.

It should also be noted that BOMA International had an opportunity during the 2012 Code Development Process to submit a proposal to modify or repeal this requirement and they chose not to. If the local BOMA Chapter wants to delete this requirement they should follow the policy of their parent organization and address this in the ICC model codes development arena. Please accept the recommendations of your Fire Code TAG. They're your own experts.

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