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Build With Strength Statement on Edgewater, New Jersey Fire Safety Measures

Edgewater, New Jersey – Following the Edgewater Zoning Board decision to permit AvalonBay to reconstruct apartments at the former site of the 2015 Edgewater fire, Kevin Lawlor, a spokesperson for [Build With Strength](#), issued the following statement:

“AvalonBay deserves praise for adjusting their plans to include fire-safety measures beyond what the state requires. However, residents in these structures will never be truly safe until the New Jersey state legislature improves the building codes to eliminate or significantly draw back the use of combustible wood and wood products. [Legislation](#) currently before the New Jersey State Assembly would do exactly that, and would go a long way in protecting residents from the type of devastation that displaced hundreds back in 2015.”

[According to a poll released in September](#), more than 95 percent of New Jersey voters throughout the state support changes to construction codes in the wake of the 2015 Avalon complex fire in Edgewater.

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