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### **Mayfair Civic Association Joins Build with Strength**

*New Member Committed to Coalition's Mission of Strengthening Building Codes*

**Philadelphia, PA** – Build with Strength, a coalition of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association consisting of civic organizations, fire service professionals, architects, engineers and industry experts committed to enacting safer and more sustainable building standards, is excited to introduce the newest member of the coalition, Mayfair Civic Association.

Mayfair Civic Association is a community-based nonprofit organization in Northeast Philadelphia whose mission is to promote the Mayfair community as a “great place to live and work.” They conduct and develop programs that serve as a bridge between business, culture, economic development and residents, with a keen focus on programming for families, children and seniors.

“The people of Mayfair, and Philadelphia as a whole, deserve to live and work in safe buildings,” says Kevin Leonard, Vice President of Mayfair Civic Association, “and as an organization, we understand from a programmatic perspective how stronger building codes can drive businesses and residents to invest in a community long-term.”

Urban population centers like Philadelphia have an opportunity to vastly improve safety standards for new construction and ensure that current and incoming residents alike have access to fire-safe buildings. Build with Strength as a coalition works with organizations like Mayfair Civic Association to advocate for stronger building codes that include the use of noncombustible materials.

“Working alongside Mayfair Civic Association allows us greater access to local residents and community leaders, providing valuable insight into the needs of Philadelphia,” said Kevin Lawlor, a spokesperson for Build with Strength. “There is undoubtedly a troubling trend of weakened building codes across the United States, and as a coalition we are dedicated to strengthening those standards for the benefit of neighborhoods like Mayfair.”

Build with Strength works with communities, lawmakers, and industry employees to advocate for safer, sustainable building materials. Strengthening local and national building codes is among the organization's top priorities.

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