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Title 24, Part 6 and Title 24, Part 11 Amendments

RE: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code
City of Menlo Park Ordinance No. 1124

Dear California Energy Commission Staff,

Please be advised that the City Council of Menlo Park has adopted amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code (Title 24, Part 11) and California's 2025 Energy Code (Title 24, Part 6) via Ordinance No. 1124 enclosed.

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5, Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 (h)2, and California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, §10-106, this package of materials demonstrates that the Menlo Park City Council found and determined that the local ordinance:

- Is reasonably necessary due to unique topographical, geographic, or climatic conditions within the City of Menlo Park; and
- Contains standards that are cost effective, and these standards were adopted at a public meeting on Aug. 26, 2025; and
- Will result in buildings designed to consume less energy than permitted by the 2022 California Energy Code.

The ordinance and cost-effectiveness studies were presented to the Menlo Park City Council on Aug. 26, 2025. The ordinance will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission. This submission is based on the collective reach code adoption preparation performed by Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy and the statewide reach codes program funded by the investor-owned utilities.

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- **Att. 1:** Staff report to the Menlo Park City Council outlining the goals of the updated building standards. The report clearly shows that the City of Menlo Park made an express finding

that amendments to the building standards in the 2022 California Energy Code are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, topographical or environmental conditions.

- **Att. 2:** Signed Ordinance No. 1124 which adopts local amendments to the 2022 California Energy Code and Green Building Standards Code baseline for residential buildings. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.
- **Att. 3a, 3b, and 3c:** Cost effectiveness studies demonstrating the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in Menlo Park (Climate Zone 3).
- **Att. 4:** Output from the Cost-Effectiveness Explorer
- **Att. 5:** Memo on the demonstration of cost-effectiveness
- **Att. 6:** Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.

The City of Menlo Park will continue to enforce other sections of Building Code as well as the adopted ordinance. The adopted ordinance will require buildings to reduce emissions while complying with all other parts of Title 24. The proposed standards are more protective of the environment than the State standards, and there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts. As the lead agency, the City has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under section [15061(b)(3)].

Please consider and accept enclosed Ordinance No. 1124 pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5. If you have any questions, please contact Rachael Londer, Sustainability Manager at 650-313-1697.

Sincerely,

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