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California Energy Commission
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**Re: Application for City of Palo Alto Locally Adopted Palo Alto Municipal Chapter 16.17
2025 California Energy Reach Code - Ordinance 5665**

On September 8, 2025, City Council conducted a public hearing regarding the adoption of Emergency Ordinance 5665 mandating the enclosed Energy Reach Code ordinance.

At this meeting, City Council determined that Emergency Ordinance 5665 met requirements under the 2025 California Administrative Code (CAC) Section 10-106(a) for cost-effectiveness. It was also determined that buildings constructed under these locally proposed energy standards will consume less energy than permitted by the 2025 California Energy Code, Part 6.

Enclosed with this application are the following:

1. Energy Reach Code Ordinance 5665
2. CPA Staff Report # 2507-5020 documenting our adoption process and including cost effectiveness studies for Flex-Path and Air Conditioner Time-of-Replacement.
3. CEQA Notice of Exemption document for our review and approval process.

City Council also found that under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, there is no possibility that the implementation of this ordinance will have a significant negative impact on the environment, and this is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Please consider and accept enclosed Ordinance 5665 pursuant to the 2025 California Administrative Code Section 10-106(b).

Please contact me at (650) 690-0608 or at George.Hoyt@paloalto.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

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