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September 26, 2025

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
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Re: Application for Approval of Local Amendments to the California Energy Code

Dear Mr. Bohan:

At its regular meeting on [September 2, 2025](#), the San Rafael *City Council* approved the first reading of the enclosed [Ordinance 2052 Amending Title 12 \(Building Regulations\) of the San Rafael Municipal Code](#), amending the 2025 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6. The ordinance was adopted at the second reading on [September 14, 2025](#). The *City Council* made the determination at a public meeting that mandating the enclosed ordinance is cost effective based on a cost effectiveness study prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team.

Enclosed with this application are the following:

1. Signed [Ordinance 2052 Amending Title 12 \(Building Regulations\) of the San Rafael Municipal Code](#), which includes the necessary findings and the proposed requirements
2. The staff report that accompanied the ordinance
3. A markup version of the ordinance showing changes to the State code
4. The *Evidence of Cost-Effectiveness* downloaded from the Cost Effectiveness Explorer documenting that the requirements have been found to be cost-effective based on a study prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team
5. [A copy of CEQA compliance documentation](#)

The *City Council* approved a resolution on [September 14, 2025](#) regarding CEQA findings pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. The *Council* found that [this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\), pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15061\(b\)\(3\), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. \(14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061\(b\)\(3\), 'general rule' provision\).](#)

The [City of San Rafael](#) would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2025 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code as part of the implementation of our local energy ordinance. As the Community and Economic Development Director, I will work with my staff to provide training on enforcement of the energy standards and the ordinance requirements. [Ordinance 2052 Amending Title 12 \(Building Regulations\) of the San Rafael Municipal Code](#) will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the City will consume less energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Thank you for your consideration.

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