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California Energy Commission  
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**Re: Application for Locally Adopted Energy Standards by the City of Palo Alto in Accordance with the 2016 California Energy Code, Title 24, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations.**

At its regular meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, the City Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance mandating the enclosed Energy Reach Code Ordinance 5383. The second reading was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. At its meeting, City Council made the determination that mandating the enclosed Energy Reach Code is determined to be cost effective based on a cost effectiveness study by TRC Energy Services.

Enclosed with this application are the following:

1. Signed Energy Reach Code Ordinance 5383 and staff report including requirements for energy reach standards beyond the baseline energy code. The attachments include statements and analyses that conclude the proposed standards are cost effective and will not require buildings to consume more energy than permitted by the current California Energy Code. The enclosure also includes evidence that the ordinance was approved on the first reading at a noticed public meeting.
2. Cost effectiveness study with supporting analysis showing how the City determined the energy savings and that the proposed standards are cost effective.

As the Chief Building Official, I will work with staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards, including special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of local energy standards.

We will continue to enforce the Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Additionally, the City Council 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 the ordinance will have a significant negative impact on the environment and is thus exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Please approve the enclosed ordinance pursuant to Public Resources Code Subsection 25402.1(h)(2).

Respectfully,

George Hoyt, Chief Building Official



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