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Mr. Drew Bohan
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California Energy Commission
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RE: Santa Monica Green Building Standards and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City of Santa Monica would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2016 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code as part of the implementation of our Green Building Requirements. As the Building Officer, I will work with my staff to provide training on enforcement of the energy standards and the new requirements for developers to comply with the Green Building Standards. This includes working closely with regional organizations to complete focused trainings on updated energy standards and local codes.

On September 10 and September 24, 2019, Santa Monica City Council had a first and second reading respectively of an Ordinance adopting Local Amendments to the 2019 Energy and Green Building Codes and adopted a Resolution that provides findings of local climatic, geological, and topographical conditions as required by the Health and Safety Code. Santa Monica City Council unanimously passed the Resolution and adopted the Ordinance.

Additionally, the Council found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 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.

The City of Santa Monica's Energy and Green Building Standards will ensure that residential and



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non-residential buildings in the City will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6. I look forward to your acknowledgement of this application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jeff.nespor@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, Extension 5629, or our Green Building Advisor Mr. Drew Johnstone at drew.johnstone@smgov.net or at (310) 458-8391.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nespor, Building Officer
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