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California Energy Commission
Attn: Gabriel Taylor
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Re: Application for Locally Adopted Energy Standards by the City of Palo Alto in Accordance with the 2019 California Energy Code, Title 24, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

Dear Gabriel,

On November 4th, 2019, City Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance mandating the enclosed Energy Reach Code Ordinance 5485. The second reading was held on December 2nd, 2019. 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 studies by TRC Energy Services, EnergySoft, Frontier Energy Inc, and Misti Bruceri & Associates, LLC. We have written our ordinance to have an effective date of April 1, 2020.

Enclosed with this application are the following:

1. Signed Energy Reach Code Ordinance 5485 and staff reports including requirements for All-Electric Design for Low-Rise Residential buildings and higher energy reach standards beyond the baseline energy code for Non-Residential buildings. The attachments include analyses that conclude the proposed standards are cost effective and will not consume more energy than permitted by the current California Energy Code.
2. Cost effectiveness studies with an Addendum for City of Palo Alto Utilities, CPAU 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). Please feel free to contact me if there is additional information that you need at (650) 329-2223 or Evon.Ballash@cityofpaloalto.org

Respectfully,

Evon Ballash, P.E., CASp
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