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TOWN OF LOS GATOS
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January 7, 2020

Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code
Town of Los Gatos Ordinance No. 2299.

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the Town of Los Gatos has adopted amendments to the 2019 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code and the California Energy Code via Ordinance No. 2299 enclosed.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 (h)2 and Section 10-106 of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, this package of materials includes the Town of Los Gatos proposed local ordinance requiring more stringent energy requirements than those set by California's 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6. The ordinance was adopted by the Town of Los Gatos, Town Council on December 17, 2019 and will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission. **This application to the California Energy Commission is based on the collective reach code adoption preparation performed by Peninsula Clean Energy and Silicon Valley Clean Energy.**

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- This cover letter.
- Staff report to the Town of Los Gatos Town Council, outlining the goals of the updated green building standards
- Signed Ordinance No. 2299 which adopts updates to the Town's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential and nonresidential new construction, additions, and alterations. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.
- Signed Findings.
- Cost effectiveness studies, including an overview of their specific applications in the ordinance update, demonstrating the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the Town of Los Gatos (Climate Zone 4).

The Town will continue to enforce Title 24, Part 6, as well as the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance will require buildings to consume no more energy than is permitted by Title 24, Part 6. The proposed standards are more protective of the environment than the State standards, and there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts, and so there is no possibility that the activity in question may

have a significant effect on the environment. As the lead agency, the Town has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under section 15061(b)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Gray, Chief Building Official at 408-354-6815.

Sincerely,



Robert Gray
Chief Building Official