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Mr. Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

RE: Cupertino Electrification Ordinance

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City of Cupertino would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2019 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Standards Code as modified by the changes in attached Ordinance No. 19-2193. . As the Chief Building Official, 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 Code. This includes working closely with regional organizations such as Silicon Valley Clean Energy and BayREN to complete focused trainings on updated energy standards and local codes.

From January until November 2019, Cupertino public advisory bodies, including the Planning and Sustainability Commissions, held several hearings and public workshops on the topic of local amendments to the 2019 California Energy and Green Building Standards. In October 2019, the City's Sustainability Commission advised the Council to adopt an "all-electric" buildings reach code, as well as higher levels of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, which are consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan decarbonization goals.

On November 19, 2019, the Cupertino City Council held a public study session to consider the topic and gave staff direction to draft an "all-electric" buildings reach code. On December 17, 2019, the Council conducted the first public reading of the local amendments to the California Energy & Green Building Standards Codes (Reach Code), which requires newly constructed buildings to be built all-electric with certain exemptions. A staff report was presented including cost-effectiveness considerations,

findings of local significance, and a discussion of the impact to Climate Action Plan goals.

Additionally, the Council found that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines, because there is no possibility that the implementation of the ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment, and because the Ordinance is a regulatory action for the protection of the environment.

The City of Cupertino's amendments to the California Energy Code will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the City will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,



Albert Salvador, P.E.
Chief Building Official

cc: Andre Duurvoort, Sustainability Manager