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Ms. Danuta Drozdowicz  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37  
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Dear Ms. Drozdowicz:

**FILING OF LOCAL AMENDMENT  
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2019-0061**

Please be advised, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has adopted amendments to the 2019 edition of the California Green Building Standards Code via Ordinance No. 2019-0061 (enclosed).

The energy amendments were adopted, per Public Resources Code Section 25402.1(h)(2), based on findings included within the enclosed letter to the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance is based on the results of a March 15, 2016 cost effectiveness study<sup>1</sup> prepared by the Statewide Codes and Standards Program, which was included by reference (enclosed). The ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 26, 2019, and will be effective following approval by the California Energy Commission.

The 2019 ordinance requirements for cool roofs are identical to the 2016 ordinance that was approved by the Energy Commission by Resolution No. 19-0312-4. The minimum mandatory and prescriptive requirements for cool roofs in the 2019 Energy Efficiency Standards are identical to the 2016 requirements; there are no changes to the basecase building design assumptions. The Board of Supervisors referenced the aforementioned

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cost-effectiveness study<sup>1</sup> to document the cost-effectiveness of the ordinance requirements. The report results show that the cool roof requirements in the ordinance are cost-effective for all occupancies. The County has determined that based upon the consistency within the industry, basecase assumptions and local ordinance requirements, the 2016 cost-effectiveness study provides sufficient documentation that the proposed 2019 ordinance requirements remain cost-effective and will result in a reduction in energy usage for the impacted projects.

The County 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, with no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts; therefore, no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. As the lead agency, the County of Los Angeles has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kristin Norman of our Building and Safety Division, Research Section Head, at (626) 458-6370 or [knorman@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:knorman@pw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

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<sup>1</sup> [IOU] California Utilities Statewide Code and Standards Program 2016. Cost-Effectiveness Study for Cool Roofs, Final Report For All Climate Zones, March, 2016. Available online at:  
[https://localenergycodes.com/download/74/file\\_path/fieldList/CoolRoofs%20Cost-Eff%20Report](https://localenergycodes.com/download/74/file_path/fieldList/CoolRoofs%20Cost-Eff%20Report)