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Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
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RE: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code - City of San Luis Obispo Ordinance No. 1684

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the City of San Luis Obispo City Council has adopted amendments to the 2019 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code via Ordinance No.1684, 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 City of San Luis Obispo 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 includes an incentives package that provides technical support and guidance in partnership with 4LEAF, Inc., financial incentives in partnership with Monterey Bay Community Power, and regulatory flexibility through December 31, 2022.

The ordinance was first read by the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on June 16, 2020, and adopted on July 7, 2020. At the June 16, 2020 meeting, the City Council found the local amendments to be cost effective and to have more stringent energy requirements than the standard 2019 California Energy Code. Ordinance No. 1684 will become effective on September 1, 2020 following approval by the California Energy Commission. The full public record of the meetings are located at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes>.

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- **Attachment 1:** Council Agenda Reports to the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on June 16, 2020 (first reading, includes staff agenda correspondence) and July 7, 2020 (adoption), outlining the goals of the updated green building standards.
- **Attachment 2:** Signed Ordinance No. 1684, which adopts updates to the City's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential and nonresidential new construction. Specifically, cost effective EDR margins are provided for low-rise residential new construction, cost effective compliance margins are provided for nonresidential new construction, and solar requirements are provided for nonresidential new construction. Additionally, provisions are included for retrofit ready components in mixed-fuel low rise residential new construction buildings. A legislative draft illustrating edits to the California Energy Code is available upon request.
- **Attachment 3:** 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 City of San Luis Obispo (Climate Zone 5). The City uses the 2019 California Statewide Codes and Standards Program cost effectiveness studies as the primary source for its analysis. Specific references for cost effectiveness findings are included in the June 16, 2020 Council Agenda Report, which is provided in this submittal as Attachment 1a.

- **Attachment 4:** Evidence of CEQA compliance through the Notice of Exemption.

The City 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 City has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under section 15061(b)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 781-7187 or mcodron@slocity.org.

Sincerely,



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