Plain text of the application cover letter from the City of Burlingame

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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  
City of Burlingame Ordinance No. 1979, 1980, and 1981

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the City of Burlingame City Council has adopted amendments to the 2019 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code via Ordinance No. 1979, 1980, and 1981 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 Burlingame’s proposed local ordinances requiring more stringent energy requirements than those set by California’s 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6. The ordinances were adopted by the Burlingame City Council on August 17, 2020 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:

- Att. 1: This cover letter
- Att. 2: Staff report to the Burlingame City Council outlining the goals of the updated green building standards
- Att. 3: Signed Ordinance No. 1979, 1980, and 1981 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, additions, and alterations. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.
- Att. 4: 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 Burlingame, Climate Zone 3.
- Att. 5: Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.
- Att. 6: A letter from the Chief Building Official to the Executive Director of the CEC about the changes to local green building and building energy efficiency standards.
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 Sigalle Michael, Sustainability Coordinator, at smichael@burlingame.org.

Sincerely,

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City Manager, City of Burlingame