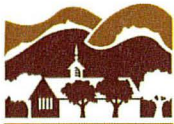


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October 14, 2020

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

RE: Town of Los Altos Hills Green Building Standards and Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Bohan:

Per the request of California Energy Commission Staff, the Town of Los Altos Hills would like to express our firm commitment to enforce the 2019 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code as part of the implementation of our Green Building Requirements. As the Acting Building Official for the Town of Los Altos Hills, 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. This includes working closely with regional organizations such as BayREN to complete focused trainings on updated energy standards and local codes.

Staff introduced several potential Energy Code amendments to the City Council on December 4, 2019 with the purpose being to encourage electrification of appliances and improvements to indoor air quality for all new single-family residences and detached habitable structures. Based on the recommendations provided by the public and the City Council, staff returned with a draft ordinance requiring the electrification of all space and water heating in new residences and prewiring for electric cooking and clothes drying. The City Council approved the draft ordinance on January 16, 2020 and adopted the final ordinance on February 20, 2020.

Additionally, the City Council found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines, there is no possibility that the implementation of the ordinance will have a significant negative impact on the environment and is thus exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

The Town of Los Altos Hills Green Building Standards will ensure that residential buildings in the Town will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Zachary Dahl", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Zachary Dahl, Acting Building Official
Town of Los Altos Hills
(650) 947-2507