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Att. 7 Letter from Chief Building Officer

September 24, 2020

Mr. Drew Bohan
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
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RE: Redwood City 2019 Title 24 Energy Code and Green Building Standards Code

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City of Redwood City has adopted an ordinance adding Article XV of Chapter 9 of the Redwood City Code to adopt local amendments to the 2019 edition of the California Energy Code and Green Building Standards Codes, together with certain amendments, exceptions, modifications, and additions thereto (“the Reach Codes”). The Reach Codes impose all-electric building requirements on new construction with limited exceptions and require enhanced electric vehicle charging capacity on new construction. The Reach Codes will have no negative impact on the environment, and a CEQA Notice of Exemption stating as much is being filed with San Mateo County.

As the Chief Building Official, I will work with my staff to provide training on enforcement of the new energy standards and any new requirements for developers. This includes working closely with regional organizations such as BayREN to complete focused trainings on updated energy standards and local codes.

The actions taken by the City to implement the Reach Codes are as follows:

- On September 14, 2020, the City Council waived the first reading and introduced the Reach Codes. The Council received a staff presentation on the Reach Codes and set a public hearing on their adoption for September 21, 2020.
- On September 21, 2020, the City Council held a public hearing and received public comment on the Reach Codes. The City Council also waived the second reading and adopted the Reach Codes.

Additionally, the Council found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Reach Codes are not a project pursuant to Section 15061(b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty that adoption of this ordinance will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The City adopted the Reach Codes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through these new building construction requirements.

Supporting documentation of the above actions is included in the application packet enclosed herein.

The Reach Codes will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the County will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

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Sincerely,

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