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November 24, 2020

Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Filing of Local Amendments to the California Building Standards Code
City of Los Altos Ordinances No. 2020-470A, 2020-470B and 2020-470C

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the City of Los Altos City Council has adopted amendments to the 2019 Edition of the California Energy Code via Ordinance No. 2020-470A, 2020-470B, and 2020-470C, 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 Los Altos 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 City of Los Altos Council on November 10, 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.2a: Staff report to the City of Los Altos Council for the October 27, 2020 City Council Meeting, outlining the goals of the updated standards.
- Att.2b: Staff report to the City of Los Altos Council for the November 10, 2020 City Council Meeting, describing the final adopted ordinances with changes requested during the first public hearing.
- Att.3a-c: Signed Ordinance No. 2020-470A, 2020-470B and 2020-470C, 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. This provides

clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

- Att.4a-d: 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 Los Altos, Climate Zone 4.
- 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 energy 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 sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308.

If you have any questions, please contact Emiko Ancheta, Sustainability Coordinator, at 650-947-2646.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ballard

Kirk Ballard
Chief Building Official

cc: Emiko Ancheta, Sustainability Coordinator






Att. 1 Cover Letter

Final Audit Report

2020-11-24

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