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Mr. Drew Bohan  
Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
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RE: City of San José's Natural Gas Infrastructure Prohibition

Dear Mr. Bohan,

The City of San José is pleased to provide for your consideration its next step toward advancing its commitment to the environment and reducing Green House Gas Emissions. On December 1, 2020, the City conducted the first reading of the "Natural Gas Infrastructure Prohibition" ordinance No. 30502 (included in the attached submission packet). City of San Jose Building Division and Environmental Services Department will work together to provide staff training, public outreach, implementation, and enforcement of the new ordinance and other Green Building standards.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, City Council voted 8-3 in favor of adopting a Natural Gas Infrastructure Prohibition for all new construction, with some time-limited exemptions. Additionally, the Council found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15308, and Title 21 of the San José Municipal Code, under File Number ER20-202, that the action is taken by the City as a regulatory agency to ensure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Thus, the action is exempt from CEQA. Attached is the Statement of Exemption.

Sincerely,



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