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Mr. Drew Bohan
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California Energy Commission
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RE: City of Emeryville Green Building Standards and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City of Emeryville would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2019 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code. As the Chief Building Official, 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 Building Standards. This includes working closely with regional organizations such as BayREN to complete focused trainings on updated energy standards and local codes.

Ordinance number 21-006, which had its first public hearing on July 20, 2021 and its second public hearing on September 13, 2021, was passed and adopted on that date. This ordinance requires all new residential construction to be all-electric. There are limited exceptions for accessory dwelling units smaller than 400 ft² and for projects where all-electric construction is exempted by the Building Official due to infeasibility. It further requires newly-constructed residential and hotel/motel occupancies to install solar photovoltaic panels on the entire Solar Zone, as specified in California Building Code, Title 24 Part 6.

Additionally, the City of Emeryville Public Works Environmental Staff have informed me that the City Council found under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) 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 City of Emeryville Building Energy Efficiency Standards will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the County will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

Victor R. Gonzales,
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