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Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan  
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RE: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code - City of San Luis Obispo Ordinance No. 1730 (2023 Series)

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the City of San Luis Obispo City Council has adopted amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Energy Code via Ordinance No. 1730 (2023 Series), 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 San Luis Obispo's proposed local ordinance requiring more stringent energy requirements than those set by California's 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6.

The ordinance was first read by the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on September 19, 2023, and adopted on October 3, 2023. At the September 19, 2023 meeting, the City Council found the local amendments to be cost effective and to have more stringent energy requirements than the standard 2022 California Energy Code. Ordinance No. 1730 (2023 Series) will become effective on January 1, 2023 following approval by the California Energy Commission. The full public record of the meetings are located at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes>.

The City used the cost effectiveness studies found at <https://localenergycodes.com> to demonstrate the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the City of San Luis Obispo (Climate Zone 5). Specific references for cost effectiveness findings are included in the September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report, which is provided in this submittal as Attachment 1a. Specific reports and information used by the City include the:

- 2022 Cost-Effectiveness Study: Single Family New Construction Study and the associated cost-effectiveness data;<sup>1</sup>
- 2022 Cost-Effectiveness Study: Multifamily New Construction Study and the associated cost-effectiveness data;<sup>2</sup> and
- 2022 Code: *Non-residential New Construction Reach Code Cost-effectiveness Study* and the associated cost-effectiveness data.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The cost-effectiveness data from the Single-Family Residential study is available at:

[https://localenergycodes.com/download/1286/file\\_path/fieldList/2022%20Single%20Family%20NewCon%20Study%20Data.xlsx](https://localenergycodes.com/download/1286/file_path/fieldList/2022%20Single%20Family%20NewCon%20Study%20Data.xlsx)

<sup>2</sup> The cost-effectiveness data from the Multifamily Residential study is available at:

[https://localenergycodes.com/download/1564/file\\_path/fieldList/2022%20Multifamily%20New%20Construction%20Study%20Data.xlsx](https://localenergycodes.com/download/1564/file_path/fieldList/2022%20Multifamily%20New%20Construction%20Study%20Data.xlsx)

<sup>3</sup> The cost-effectiveness data from the Nonresidential study data is available at:

[https://localenergycodes.com/download/1373/file\\_path/fieldList/2022%20Nonresidential%20New%20Construction%20Study%20Data.xlsx](https://localenergycodes.com/download/1373/file_path/fieldList/2022%20Nonresidential%20New%20Construction%20Study%20Data.xlsx)


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 section 15061(b)(3).

In support of the California Energy Commissions review of the City's reach code, please find the following materials enclosed:

- **Attachment 1a and 1b:** Council Agenda Reports to the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on September 19, 2023 (first reading, includes a detailed overview of cost effectiveness findings and staff agenda correspondence) and October 3, 2023 (adoption).
- **Attachment 2:** Signed Ordinance No. 1730 (2023 Series), which adopts requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential and nonresidential new construction. Specifically, a cost effective EDR1 compliance margin is provided for single-family buildings and cost-effective source energy compliance margins are provided for low-rise multifamily, high-rise multifamily, and non-residential buildings.
- **Attachment 3:** Evidence of CEQA compliance through the Notice of Exemption.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [ttway@slocity.org](mailto:ttway@slocity.org).

Sincerely,

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