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Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37
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RE: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code - City of San Luis Obispo Ordinance No. 1736 (2024 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. 1736 (2024 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 May 21, 2024 and adopted on June 4, 2024. At the May 21, 2024 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. 1736 (2024 Series) will become effective on January 1, 2025 following approval by the California Energy Commission. The full public record of the meetings are located at <https://opengov.slocity.org/WebLink/Browse.aspx?id=193209&dbid=0&repo=CityClerk> (See item 7b).

The City used the cost effectiveness studies provided by the California Statewide Codes and Standards Team to demonstrate the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the City of San Luis Obispo (Climate Zone 5). The cost effectiveness studies were explicitly included as attachments in adopted Council items and the specific references for cost effectiveness findings are included in the May 21, 2024 Council Agenda Report and Ordinance No. 1763 (2024 Series), which are provided in this submittal as Attachments 1a, 1b, and 2.

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 May 21, 2024 (first reading, includes the draft ordinance and cost effectiveness study) and June 4, 2024 (adoption, includes the final ordinance and cost effectiveness study).
- **Attachment 2:** Signed Ordinance No. 1736 (2024 Series), which adopts requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for single family residential major additions and alterations. The ordinance includes adopted findings related to the cost effectiveness study and the specific cost effectiveness metrics contained therein, which are illustrate the cost effectiveness of at least five compliance pathways.
- **Attachment 3:** Evidence of CEQA compliance through the Notice of Exemption.

If you have any questions, please contact me at tway@slocity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timmi Tway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timmi Tway
Community Development Director