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April 3, 2017

Mr. Robert Oglesby
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

Re: Town of Portola Valley Green Building Ordinance and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Mr. Oglesby,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the Town of Portola Valley would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2016 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code as part of the implementation of the amendment to our Green Building Ordinance that included local amendments to the 2016 California Energy Code.

As the Sustainability & Special Projects Manager, I will work closely with the Town's Deputy Building Inspector to ensure enforcement of the energy standards and the new requirements for developers to do what is required by the local Ordinance, including providing additional training as needed that focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of the Ordinance.

On December 14, 2016, staff presented the amendment to the Green Building Ordinance to the Portola Valley Town Council at a noticed public hearing and included the CA Statewide Codes and Standards Program CALGreen Cost Effectiveness Study prepared on September 2, 2016 by Davis Energy Group for PG&E. The Town Council approved the Ordinance and Study on that same date. Additionally, the Town Council found that the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment.

The amendment to our Green Building Ordinance will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the City will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

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