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October 14, 2020

Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan  
Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code  
Town of Los Altos Hills - Ordinance No. 589

Dear Mr. Bohan:

Please be advised that the City Council of the Town of Los Altos Hills has adopted amendments to the 2019 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code via Ordinance No. 589, 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 Town of Los Altos Hills proposed local ordinance requiring more stringent energy requirements than those set by California's 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6. The ordinance was adopted by the Los Altos Hills City Council on February 20, 2020 and will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission. This application to the California Energy Commission is based on the collective reach code adoption preparation performed by Peninsula Clean Energy and Silicon Valley Clean Energy.

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- **Attachment 1:** This cover letter.
- **Attachment 2:** Staff report to the Town of Los Altos Hills City Council, outlining the goals of the updated green building standards.
- **Attachment 3:** Signed Ordinance No. 589, which adopts updates to the City's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential new construction, additions, and alterations. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

- **Attachment 4:** Informational handout that outlines the local green building and energy efficiency standards, provided to increase clarity to applicants about project-specific requirements.
- **Attachment 5:** “2019 Cost-effectiveness Study: Low-Rise Residential New Construction” which demonstrates the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the Town of Los Altos Hills (Climate Zone 3).
- **Attachment 6:** Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.
- **Attachment 7:** A letter from the Chief Building Official to the Executive Director of the CEC about the changes to local green building and building energy efficiency standards.

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).

If you have any questions, I can be contacted at (650) 947-2509 or by e-mail at [spadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov](mailto:spadovan@losaltoshills.ca.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steve Padovan  
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