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February 12, 2021

Mr. Drew Bohan CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

SUBJECT: Piedmont Green Building Standards and the Building Energy Efficiency

Standards

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City of Piedmont 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 part of the implementation of our Green Building Requirements. 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 Piedmont residents, and their architects and contractors to comply with the Green Building Standards. This includes special training, community outreach, and working closely with regional organizations such as BayREN, focusing on enforcement of the updated energy standards and local codes.

On July 7, 2020, I presented Ordinances 750 N.S. and 751 N.S. to the City Council along with cost effectiveness studies. The City Council approved the second reading of the ordinances February 1, 2021.

Ordinance 750 N.S., which affects low rise residential energy efficiency upgrades and PV array requirements, will go into effect June 1, 2021, or after approval from both the CEC and the California Building Standards Commission. Ordinance 751 N.S., which requires a Home Energy Score or Audit to be submitted at point of listing of residential homes, will go into effect March 3, 2021.

Additionally, the Council found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308 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's Green Building Standards will ensure that residential buildings in the City will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PIEDMONT

Craig Griffin Chief Building Official