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California Energy Commission
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Subject: Energy Commission Approval of the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance

On behalf of the City of San Carlos, I respectfully request California Energy Commission approval of the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance. California Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 allows local governments to adopt energy standards that are more stringent than the California Energy Efficiency Standards, conditioned on approval by the California Energy Commission. With that, and in accordance with California Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-106 (b), this letter and enclosed materials shall serve as documentation for approval of the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance.

Please consider the following items as part of the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance:

1) The San Carlos City Council adopted Climate Action Plan Resolution 2009.080 establishing energy use requirements for the built environment (exceed Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards by 15%).
2) The San Carlos City Council adopted the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance, along with findings and facts, August 23, 2010.
3) The San Carlos Green Building Ordinance is based upon the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen).
4) The San Carlos Green Building Ordinance will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by California Title 24, Part 6.
5) The San Carlos Green Building Ordinance has been edited to include pre-review comments by the California Energy Commission.
6) The City of San Carlos is located in Climate Zone 3. The enclosed Cost Effectiveness Study by Gabel Associates, LLC demonstrates that enhanced green building codes similar to the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance are cost effective for citizens, contractors, and developers.
7) The San Carlos Green Building Ordinance does not mandate the use or employment of third party raters.

Thank you for the consideration of my request for approval of the San Carlos Green Building Ordinance. Please contact me, at 650-802-4262, or cvalley@cityofsancarlos.org, if you have questions regarding my request.

Sincerely,

Christopher Valley
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