



Office of Energy and
Sustainable Development

October 1, 2012

California Energy Commission
Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the proposed project entitled "Local Benefits from Building Energy Standards"

Dear Commissioners:

As Energy Program Officer for the City of Berkeley, I am committed to helping ensure that California's building stock is achieving the ambitious and important energy performance standards that state and local governments have established. To facilitate continued progress in implementing present and future standards, local governments need assistance in overcoming barriers to enforcing improved building energy standards. The proposed research from UC-Berkeley's Center for Resource Efficient Communities (CREC), Center for the Built Environment (CBE), and Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics will document these barriers and propose practical informed solutions for building and safety staff.

I have reviewed the proposed research and am confident in its approach and usefulness. In particular, identification of challenges and benefits costs as they apply to various stakeholders, such as:

- Climate action plan implementation
- Building and safety enforcement
- Contractor compliance

City of Berkeley will use the findings generated by this research to help communicate to our local community, colleagues and policymakers the benefits that flow from improved building energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

Neal De Snoo, Energy Program Officer