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California Energy Commission
Attn: Ingrid Neumann
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APPLICATION FOR LOCALLY ADOPTED ENERGY STANDARDS BY THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10-106 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1

At its regular meeting on October 27, 2015, the Santa Monica City Council conducted a public hearing and approved the first reading of the enclosed ordinance mandating the installation of solar electric photovoltaic (PV) systems for new development projects. City Council made the determination that mandating solar PV is cost effective for the Santa Monica community based on the enclosed consultant report prepared by Energy and Environment Economics, Inc.

Santa Monica is proposing the attached local energy amendments as measures to provide greater energy and environmental efficiency and to assist in the State's goal of Net Zero Energy production. Our city will provide the most judicious educational means for developers and homeowners to meet the proposed amendments as well as the standards of the 2013 California Energy Efficiency Standards.

Staff at the California Energy Commission has requested that we summarize our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) procedures and findings. As the Building Official of the City of Santa Monica, I submit, consistent with the findings of the City Council, that the proposed ordinance is intended to preserve and enhance the environment of the City of Santa Monica. Accordingly, this ordinance is categorically exempt from environmental review, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that enhancing environmental conservation efforts would have a significant negative effect on the environment.

Following your receipt of this application and acknowledgement that Santa Monica's proposed locally adopted energy standards are in accordance with the CEC's requirements, the Santa Monica City Council will conduct the second reading of the

ordinance and, if approved, will instruct staff to file our Council approved findings in the resolution with your Commission.

I look forward to your acknowledgement of this application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ron.takiguchi@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, Extension 5599, or our Green Building Advisor Mr. Joel Cesare at joel.cesare@smgov.net or at Extension 8549.

Sincerely,



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