October 28, 2010

Commissioner Anthony Eggert
Commissioner Jeffrey Byron
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

RE: Local Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Commissioners Eggert and Byron:

Per the request of Commission Staff, we would like to express to you our firm commitment to have the City of Goleta enforce the current Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of our Local Energy Ordinance. As the City's Building Official, I will work with my staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards. This includes special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of the Ordinance.

At the City Council meeting of October 19, 2010, a public hearing was held and the City's Ordinance was introduced. The City Council reviewed the Ordinance and an Energy Cost Effectiveness Study. The Energy Cost Effectiveness Study was facilitated by Southern California Edison and completed on December 24, 2009. The Council recognized the study analysis showing energy saving and cost effectiveness. The City Council conducted the first reading of the Ordinance and the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled for November 2, 2010.

Per the request of Commission Staff, the City's Ordinance requires the demonstration of compliance with the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, part 6) of the California Building Code. The language reflects the City's commitment to enforce these standards as the minimum required by code and the Ordinance will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by California Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

Jim Guerra
Building Official