November 5, 2010

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

Re: City and County of San Francisco Building Code
Chapter 13C: Green Building Requirements

Dear Commissioners Eggert and Byron,

San Francisco's Department of Building Inspection will continue to fulfill our responsibility to diligently enforce the current Title 24 Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, as well as more stringent local amendments. Our staff have received multiple trainings on Title 24 Part 6 2008, as well as special training on all local amendments, including San Francisco Building Code Chapter 13C: Green Building Requirements and 13D: Commercial Lighting Efficiency.

At their regular meetings on October 18, 2010 and on November 2, 2010, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors read and unanimously approved the San Francisco Building Code 2010: Amendments to the 2010 California Building Code, 2010 California Green Building Standards Code, and 2010 California Residential Code. The legislative package they considered included:

- The full text of all local amendments to California building codes and standards
- An ordinance adopting local amendments to Title 24 2010 Part 11, which will be printed in its entirety in San Francisco Building Code Chapter 13C
- Findings supporting local amendments, as required by law
- An energy efficiency cost effectiveness study confirming that a compliance margin of 15% beyond Title 24 Part 6 2008 is cost effective in Climate Zone 3, which includes San Francisco

All permit applicants will continue to be required to demonstrate compliance with Title 24, Part 6 using the standard forms and calculation methods approved by the California Energy Commission. In addition, San Francisco Building Code 2010 Chapter 13C will require new residential and non-residential buildings to demonstrate a 15% compliance margin relative to state or national energy codes.

Very truly yours,

Vivian L. Day, C.B.O.
Director