



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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June 15, 2010

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

SUBJECT: CITY OF SIMI VALLEY GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE AND THE 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 Simi Valley enforce the current Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of our local Green Building Ordinance. As the Building Official, I will work with my staff involved in plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards.

On November 16, 2009, the Simi Valley Green Building Ordinance, accompanied by a cost-effectiveness study prepared by City staff, was presented to the City Council. The City Council then held a public hearing for the ordinance at the next scheduled meeting and adopted the Green Building Ordinance on December 7, 2009. Following the adoption of the ordinance, the City was provided a formal cost effectiveness study that more clearly demonstrated energy saving and cost-effectiveness of the Green Building Ordinance. At the meeting of May 10, 2010, the City Council received the study and confirmed that it demonstrated the cost effectiveness and energy savings of the Green Building Ordinance. Pending approval of the Green Building Ordinance by the Commission, the City has yet to enforce any energy efficiency standards beyond those mandated by Title 24, Part 6, and effective January 1, 2010.

No provision of the Green Building Ordinance (Title 8, Chapter 22 of the Simi Valley Municipal Code) will lessen any requirement for buildings to meet the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, and no building permit shall be issued to any project subject to the Green Building Ordinance unless the application can demonstrate continued compliance with Part 6 of Title 24 of the California Building Code.

We respectfully request that the Simi Valley Green Building Ordinance be scheduled for the July 14, 2010, California Energy Commission business meeting.

Sincerely,

Ted Drago, Deputy Director/Building Official
Department of Environmental Services/Building and Safety