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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

MUNICIPAL SERVICES CORE SERVICE AREA
SUPPLEMENTAL FINDINGS FOR THE 2026 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to supplement the findings made pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code for the Los Angeles County Code, Title 31 - Green Building Standards Code.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed supplemental findings for Ordinance 25-0052 (Green Building Standards Code) are not a project under, or are alternatively exempt, under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve supplemental findings, pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code, for the previously approved changes and modifications to the 2025 California Building Standards Code contained in Ordinances 25-0052 for the Los Angeles County Code, Title 31 - Green Building Standards Code.

3. Instruct the Director of Public Works or his designee to file the supplemental findings with the California Energy Commission.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve the enclosed supplemental findings prepared in response to a request from the California Energy Commission. These findings will determine that the modifications and changes to the California Green Building Standards Code, as adopted in the Los Angeles County Code, Title 31 - Green Building Standards Code, are cost-effective based on administrative, geologic, topographical, and/or climatic conditions consistent with provisions of the California Health and Safety Code.

The previously adopted County Green Building Standards Code provides minimum construction and property maintenance standards that promote the health and welfare of the general public throughout the County's unincorporated areas. By incorporating these additional findings, the County ensures that the previously adopted amendments remain consistent with State law, support accountability and transparency, and continue to align with its Strategic Goals.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, by providing services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive impact on the entire community by promoting the health and welfare of the general public throughout the unincorporated areas of the County. By incorporating the most up-to-date building and safety standards, the County will ensure that its Strategic Goals are fully addressed.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the Public Works General Fund.

The findings are provided in response to the California Energy Commission, and there are no changes to the current County Building Code that would have an impact on the fees charged.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State adopted the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, which includes the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code. The California Health and Safety Code requires the County to adopt ordinances that impose the same building standards as contained in the 2025 California Building Standards Code, with the exception that the County may make amendments to these building standards that are more restrictive and that are reasonably necessary due to local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions.

On November 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted the California Building Standards Codes by reference, including the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code, together with critical and necessary County modifications. In accordance with Sections 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Board determined and expressly found that the amendments were needed because of local climatic, geological, and/or topographical conditions. Consistent with past practice, the County did not make findings that the amendments were cost-effective.

Following the adoption of the ordinances, the California Energy Commission requested that the County provide additional findings that the standards are cost-effective. Enclosed are the findings intended to satisfy the request which references the Green Building Standards Code amendment findings.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are excluded from the definition of a project under Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. Approval of the supplemental findings for the California Building Standards Code modifications is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. In the alternative, approval of the supplemental findings is exempt from CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the findings will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Approval of the supplemental findings is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. Approval of the findings does not have such potential.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impacts to current or future anticipated services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the enclosed supplemental findings to modify the California Building Standard Codes as previously adopted by the Board, please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Fire
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Enclosure

SUPPLEMENTAL FINDINGS FOR ADOPTION
GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE BY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7, and 18941.5 the Board of Supervisors expressly approves supplemental findings that all modifications made by the County of Los Angeles to the building standards adopted in the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code in Ordinance 25-0052, adopted on November 25, 2025, are cost-effective and based on local geologic, topographic, and/or climatic conditions.