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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we express our strong support for the updates to the Los Angeles Green Building Code as unanimously approved on April 9, 2024. We encourage the LADBS to carefully adhere to the motion's three moving clauses, as detailed in the attached letter, to ensure successful implementation. AIA Los Angeles The Low Carbon Initiative Sierra Club Angeles Chapter USGBC California Westside Neighborhood Council Natural Resources Defense Council Industrious Labs



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Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Supporting a Stronger Los Angeles Green Building Code

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we strongly support the motion to update the Los Angeles Green Building Code, as approved unanimously on April 9, 2024. This update aligns with the City's green jobs, affordable housing and decarbonization goals.

The motion requires the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to submit recommendations by October 9, 2024, to limit embodied carbon and construction waste in all new construction. By following through on these recommendations, Los Angeles would join Marin County, Palo Alto, and Santa Monica as a California jurisdiction with a low-carbon concrete code for all building types and sizes.

We urge the LADBS to adhere strictly to the following aspects of the motion:

1. **Updating the Green Building Code** to establish limits on embodied carbon for new construction and major additions to buildings over 50,000 square feet.

2. **Requiring less carbon-intensive building materials** for new construction and major additions to buildings under 50,000 square feet.
3. **Incentivizing the reduction of construction waste** through building material reuse.

These updates are crucial for Los Angeles to meet its commitments under the C40 Clean Construction Declaration and the Sustainable City pLAN. We reaffirm our support for all three moving clauses of the motion.

By taking decisive action on green building, Los Angeles can demonstrate leadership in sustainability, building decarbonization and energy efficiency. We look forward to working with the City Council to ensure the successful implementation of these important updates.

Sincerely,

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