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Subject: Support for Berkeley Deep Green Building Proposal

Dear Berkeley City Council Members,

As Policy Director for the Healthy Building Network – a national organization with offices here in Berkeley, I strongly support the Berkeley Deep Green Building Proposal. This is a very important effort that has been carefully considered and crafted to help Berkeley meet critical and aggressive climate and resiliency goals utilizing Berkeley's already forward thinking current policies and the unique situation mix of building types, energy use patterns and community culture. The emphasis on community wide zero net energy is key to making this successful.

I also particularly appreciate that Berkeley Deep Green is not just a single minded narrow effort to save energy but recognizes also the importance of avoiding toxic materials and reducing the carbon footprint and embodied energy of materials as well as minimizing waste of water through rainwater collection and greywater reuse.

Finally, the inclusion of comprehensive post-construction performance monitoring will help insure that our goals are actually met and that we learn from the inevitable failures.

This program can be an important piece of meeting our sustainability goals and fostering a health city.

I urge the Council to support this program and provide city staff with the resources to implement it. The payoff will be huge. .

Sincerely,

- Tom

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