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Mia Marvelli, Executive Director  
California Building Standards Commission  
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Dear Ms. Marvelli:

**Subject: 90-day Readoption of Emergency Regulations (HCD EF 01/17)**

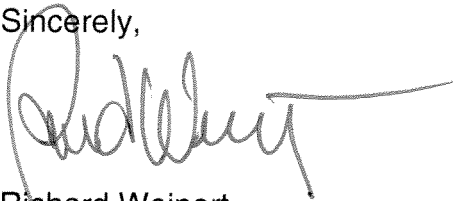
The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is requesting a second 90-day Readoption of Emergency Regulations filed as HCD EF 01/17, which amend the California Building Code (Part 2, Title 24, California Code of Regulations) and the California Existing Building Code (Part 10, Title 24, California Code of Regulations). The proposal modifies sections of these codes specific to the enhancement of design, construction and inspection for exterior elevated elements for buildings and structures under the authority of HCD. These regulations were developed in coordination with the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and the Division of the State Architect (DSA). The emergency regulations were based on the 2018 draft edition of the International Building Code and the International Existing Building Code. (These codes should be available as published codes in mid-September 2017.) This readoption is being submitted to the CBSC to extend the emergency adoption approved January 27, 2017, (effective January 30, 2017), and the following readoption approved by the CBSC on June 20, 2017, and expiring October 27, 2017.

The CBSC Exterior Elevated Elements Subcommittee met on May 25, 2017, to solicit technical expertise from representatives of the CBSC staff; HCD; DSA; Office of the State Fire Marshal; local building officials; design professionals; property owners and managers; the building industry; the wood, steel and concrete industries; and any other interested parties. To accommodate one or more public/private stakeholder meetings and the release of the 2018 model code language, HCD and the other state agencies agreed to request two 90-day extensions of the approved emergency regulations, as allowed by Government Code Section 11346.1.

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The readopted HCD EF 01/17 emergency building standards will expire October 27, 2017. Due to the time required to facilitate a 45-day public comment period (as well as other regulatory requirements for permanent adoption pursuant to Government Code Sections 11346.2 and 11347.3), HCD will be unable to conclude the certification of compliance phase by the scheduled October 17, 2017, CBSC meeting. Therefore, to meet the requirements for the certification process, HCD requests a second 90-day readoption as allowed by State law. If approved by the CBSC, the expiration date of these emergency regulations will be extended to January 26, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Weinert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Weinert  
Deputy Director