



# Memorandum

**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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**SUBJECT:** Request to Add Item to Community  
and Economic Development  
Committee Workplan Agenda  
September 24, 2007 Agenda and  
Public Safety, Finance and Strategic  
Support Committee Workplan  
Agenda September 21, 2007

**DATE:** August 3, 2007

Approved

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Date

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## RECOMMENDATION

Add to the September 24, 2007 meeting agenda of the Community and Economic Development Committee and the September 21, 2007 meeting agenda of the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee the following item:

Approve the Process Report and Timeline Update for Adoption of the 2007 California Building Standards, CCR Title 24, Parts 2-6, 8-10, and 12.

## BACKGROUND

Building related codes comprised of codes regulation building, fire, electrical, plumbing and mechanical trade areas are revised on a multi-year cycle. California last adopted new codes in 1998 and has fallen behind the balance of the nation. California and Hawaii were the last states to adopt the 2006 International Code Council model codes as the official state building related codes. Recently, California completed the adoption and approval of the 2007 edition of the California Building Standards Code last January 30, 2007. These standards were published July 1, 2007 and become effective in January 1, 2008.

The 2007 California Building Standards Code will take effect with no action by the City. Typically, cities desire to retain limited special regulations that address special circumstances in that community or area. Staff wishes to preserve that ability to adopt local amendments and will over the next 6 months be conducting outreach to customers and coordinating with the surrounding communities to adopt consistent local amendments as we have done in the past.

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement (PBCE) and Fire Departments will present a memo to the committees that (1) highlights the differences between the current and new building standards and (2) lists the activities necessary to make changes to these codes to suit local conditions. Staff will continue our leadership role at the regional and State level to coordinate local amendments to reduce individual differences between cities in Silicon Valley.

The following is a list of the state codes that will be in effect in January 1, 2008:

<b>2007 California Building Standards, CCR Title 24</b>		
<b>Part</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Department</b>
2	California Building Code	PBCE & Fire
3	California Electrical Code	PBCE
4	California Mechanical Code	PBCE
5	California Plumbing Code	PBCE
6	California Energy Code	PBCE
8	California Historical Building Code	PBCE & Fire
9	California Fire Code	Fire
10	California Existing Building Code	PBCE & Fire
12	California Referenced Standards Code	PBCE & Fire

These Building Standards are administered by the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department and the Fire Department. Fire Codes are administered by development engineering services in the Community and Economic Development CSA and uniformed Fire Prevention inspection services in the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support CSA. Code amendments related to each CSA will be brought forward, in parallel, to the respective Council Committees relative to the recommended timeline in order to meet the overall requirement of Council adoption prior to January 1, 2008.



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