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SUBJ: 2019 California Building Code Implementation

The 2019 California Building Code (CBC) will become effective on January 1, 2020. All projects that require planning approval and building permits, and receive planning approval between July 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, will be provided a one-month grace period to apply for building permits under the 2016 CBC so as to facilitate continuity of building code requirements for these projects. Applicants with valid planning approval issued within this time period can apply for building permits under the 2016 CBC until January 31, 2020.

As a general rule, all building permit applications submitted after January 31, 2020, will be subject to the 2019 CBC. If you believe the circumstances of a particular project may justify additional time for the applicant to seek a building permit under the 2016 CBC, please raise this issue with your supervisor.

For purposes of this memo, "planning approval" is defined as projects that have met all requirements and conditions of the Current Planning Division necessary as preconditions to obtaining building permits required for completion of the project.