



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 18 December 2014

TO: Clay Holstine, City Manager

FROM: John Swiecki 
Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Green Building Ordinance Update

The subcommittee of Open Space and Ecology Committee (OSEC) members and Planning Commissioners appointed by the City Council to consider amendments to the City's Green Building Ordinance (GBO) has completed its work. Its recommendations have been presented to and approved by OSEC and the Planning Commission.

As evidenced by the extended time it took for the subcommittee to complete its review of the GBO, the issue of green building standards is rapidly changing and highly complex, as state standards change, building technologies adapt and the and the proprietary green building rating systems respond. **In order to facilitate the City Council's review of this matter, it is recommended that a City Council subcommittee be formed and meet with GBO subcommittee to more fully understand the subcommittee's process and recommendations before this matter is scheduled for formal City Council review.**

Since the GBO subcommittee is composed of both OSEC and Planning Commission members the City Council might wish to consider selecting a representative from each City Council liaison subcommittee. Councilmembers Liu and O'Connell currently serve as the Planning Commission liaison subcommittee and Councilmembers Liu and Miller as the OSEC liaison subcommittee.