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Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Thomsen:

Thank you for your letter dated July 16, 2015, which was sent on behalf of the Berkeley City Council to the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) Chair, Marybel Batjer, and the other members of the Commission, regarding the recent tragedy involving an apartment complex balcony in Berkeley.

In its letter, the City Council recommends that the Commission revise the California Building Standards Code to require steel reinforcement of balconies in all new balcony designs. Please be advised that the City Council's letter will be considered by the Commissioners at their next meeting, currently scheduled for October 20, 2015.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email jmcgowan@dgs.ca.gov or by telephone (916) 263-0916.

Sincerely,

Jim McGowan
Executive Director

cc Commission Chair
Commissioners