Energy Efficient Building Benchmarking Ordinance

Sustainable Energy Advisory Board

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Background

- During Climate Action Plan adoption, Environment Committee and Council requested City staff to bring forth a Commercial Benchmarking Ordinance
- Supporting initiative to Climate Action Plan Strategy 1, Energy and Water Efficient Buildings
- Assembly Bill 802
- Stakeholder Outreach



What is Building Benchmarking?

- 1. Gather building details and energy data
- 2. Input data into ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager (free web portal)
- 3. Compare performance against historical data and other similar properties





Benefits of a Local Ordinance

Building Owner

- Better information about building's operating costs
- Access to actionable information related to energy investment decisions
- Opportunity for building owners to distinguish themselves in the marketplace
- Additional locally-focused benchmarking assistance

City

- Gain a better understanding of their existing building stock
- Identify gaps in energy programs
- Serve as the backbone of a strong energy services market
- Utility and Other Program Implementers
 - Opportunities for increased customer engagement
 - Use benchmarking data to make their efficiency programs more effective
 - Identify new programs



Assembly Bill 802

- Became law in fall 2015
- Requires whole building energy use benchmarking and public disclosure
- First reporting deadline is June 1, 2018
- Utilities provide aggregated whole-building energy use data to building owners upon request (started Jan 1, 2017)
- Building owner does NOT need permission from tenant when there are:
 - 3 or more accounts (all commercial)
 - 5 or more accounts (at least one is residential)



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Proposed Local Ordinance



Applies to buildings 50,000+ sqft (with 17+ utility accounts for residential) to start w/exemptions

Involves annual reporting of energy consumption information

Specifies tracking and reporting data using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Building owners and managers are responsible for reporting



Compliance Process





Data Visualization





Next Steps

- Environment Committee June 21
- City Council (First Read) July 17
- City Council (Second Read) July 30/31



THANK YOU.

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