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Support equitable decarbonization policy for residential property

I support the Building an Affordable California Act. California's outdated system for approving essential projects is too slow, too bureaucratic, and too costly. Essential projects like clean water, clean energy, hospitals, affordable housing, roads, wildfire prevention, schools, public safety, and other infrastructure improvements are being delayed or blocked by unnecessary red tape, bureaucratic delays, and excessive lawsuits.

However, we must apply CEQA safeguards to building projects in order to maintain a healthy environment for all. CEQA is not the reason housing projects are slow to be planned and constructed.

These delays substantially increase the cost of living for all Californians. Research shows that permitting delays alone add tens of thousands of dollars to the price of a new home—driving up rents and mortgages for homeowners and renters. Similar red tape adds billions of dollars to the cost of building hospitals, water infrastructure, roads, bridges, clean energy, schools, broadband, and wildfire mitigation projects—costs ultimately passed on to consumers and taxpayers.

We can do both, reduce red tape and keep projects in compliance with CEQA requirements to benefit all.