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Please Approve pro-electrification reach codes

Reach Codes are an established way to tailor the State code to better fit the aspirations and needs of individual communities. Reach Codes enable local communities to forge ahead of the State Code, rather than allowing a State code to anchor them to least common denominator requirements. And reach codes provide virtual pilot studies that the State can learn from. Jurisdictions develop and adopt reach codes voluntarily, relying on community input and public process, at the level of government closest to the people.

Especially now, with the effects of climate change upon us, cities must continue to be empowered to adapt the State Code to further reduce emissions in their local communities. Accelerating the electrification of new construction and significant remodels is exactly what is needed in these times. Please approve the reach codes adopted by the local jurisdictions and defer to the governments closest to the people they represent.