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California Energy Commission  
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**RE: Comments of Sierra Club California - Support Approval of Local Ordinance Applications**

Dear Commissioners:

Sierra Club California appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the local ordinance applications up for approval at the California Energy Commission (Commission) on February 20, 2020. Sierra Club California strongly supports the Commission's approval of these local ordinances, or reach codes.

The reach codes before the Commission are the result of a statewide cost-effectiveness analysis by the IOU Codes and Standards Team and an extensive stakeholder engagement process. Most, if not all, of the reach codes were unanimously approved by city council meetings and broadly supported by community members. This local democratic process is leading the way for the state to implement new critical decarbonization solutions in the fight against climate change.

California is currently not on track to transition from gas to clean energy at the speed required by climate science. To protect Californians from the climate crisis, we must accelerate the pace in which we build all-electric clean energy homes and buildings and these reach codes are a clear first step.

Reach codes are not just a measure to reduce our GHG emissions, but are also critical to make housing more affordable, to lower the cost of new construction, to reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution and associated health and economic impacts, and to make our communities safer and more resilient to climate change. These cities are providing the bold leadership that is necessary to not only fight climate change but also to improve housing and energy affordability.

On behalf of our 13 chapters across the state and half-a-million members and supporters throughout California, we urge the Commission to approve these reach codes and to build upon this local leadership in the 2022 code cycle of the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24).

Sincerely,

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