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Public Comment - Item 6 Local Ordinance Applications

Dear Commissioners:

Hello and thank you for recording my comment for tomorrow's Item 6 regarding the local ordinance applications before you.

I am writing to support adoption of these reach codes. I also urge the CEC to build off local leadership and take electrification further by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

There are many people like me, CA citizens, that care a great deal about what we can do to improve our environment, have cleaner air and fight climate change. I am one who would like to see our cities move towards electrification of new construction and would really support a new all-electric baseline so that we don't have to work piece by piece at our local level to make these changes. Exceptions for certain industries or situations can always be included, but on the whole, we are ready to make this move. The many cities that have adopted codes thus far are trail blazers and proving that the all-electric home/business are extremely doable - and receive a great deal of support from builders and home buyers. It is particularly heartening to see examples from affordable housing developers of electric building being adopted successfully and in-budget with better indoor air quality and lower utility bills.

Benefits to electrification that I see:

improved indoor air quality (not having indoor air pollution from gas appliances),
the safety of not having gas lines in an earthquake under homes and buildings,
the lowering of carbon emissions from homes and buildings,
the ability to better reach our state emissions goals,
making use of heat pumps for heating and cooling which is a much more affordable way to go than traditional air conditioning for all income levels,
the long-term cost to run an efficient, all-electric home is less
the cost to build an all-electric home or building is less

Retrofitting, as we all know, is much more expensive and more difficult to do - and these new buildings will have impacts for decades to come. So let's have them built right from the start, in a way that aligns with our state climate policies. California has already found gas to be incompatible with our climate targets, and the Public Utility Commission has kickstarted a process to guide that transition.

My family is taking steps - one appliance at a time - to electrify our home, which has solar panels and a battery as well. It would have been much easier if we had bought the

home all-electric to begin with! But we live in a home from 1930. The panel was upgraded for our car charging, solar and battery. We are ready now to enter the new era of great technologies that run much more efficiently, are a pleasure to use and provide cost savings. We should have all new construction start with this as the baseline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,
Monica Campagna