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Ann Harvey re Local Ordinance Applications

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear Commissioners,

I will not be able to attend your September 9 business meeting, but I strongly support adoption of the San Anselmo and the County of San Mateo reach codes (Item 5). Please also take electrification further by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

New evidence keeps showing us that the climate crisis is progressing faster than previous predictions, and dire consequences have begun. We cannot afford to delay huge decreases in our greenhouse gas production. We must decarbonize our buildings if we want to come close to California's GHG goals, which are not ambitious enough. Retrofits will be necessary, but as I have personally found in converting our home (and car) to all electric, they are expensive and can be quite complex. It should be a no-brainer that all new buildings be all electric.

Given the ubiquity of leaks from gas lines from street to appliance level, and the severe greenhouse effects of methane, install one more gas line is wrong.

As a family doctor, I am also excited about the health benefits of avoiding natural gas combustion inside homes.

I also urge you to include in the 2022 building code safeguards against punishing the poor and overburdening our electricity supplies as we go all electric: please do not allow builders to cut costs by installing inefficient appliances such as resistance-based heaters, driers, water heaters, and cooktops. Along with excellent weatherization and insulation, heat pumps and induction cooktops should be mandatory. In addition, please consider incentives for including clothes line access for apartment dwellers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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