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**Margo Finlayson - Item 5 Local Ordinances**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Dear Commissioners,

I support adoption of these reach codes. Given that fossil fuels are one of the greatest contributors to global warming, it's time for the CEC to build off local leadership and fully support electrification by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

In the past month, California has experienced record heat and unprecedented lightning storms in which nearly 14,000 lightning strikes were recorded - starting the second and third largest fires in state history. In just a few days, fires burned through 1.4 million acres - far more land than usually burns in a year. My niece and her family in Alameda saw weeks with air quality so poor they could only let their young children outside for 30 minutes a day. My nephew in Davis who works in Napa was also impacted and our whole family was watching the fires in fear for our loved ones.

While gas may not have been a direct cause of these fires, science has shown that oil and gas are a direct cause of global warming, that our warming climate contributes to a longer fire season, that hotter temperatures correlate to increased lightning strikes as well as more and more severe fires and that we need to act swiftly and boldly to reduce our carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels or we will see California temperatures continue to soar, leading to more extreme heat days, more days of unhealthy to hazardous air quality, and more disastrous fires across our state.

Electrification of new construction is a key step to reducing our use of fossil fuels. The CEC has the opportunity to build off local leadership and lead our state into a cleaner, safer, more sustainable future by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code. And a recent study showed that 70% of Californians, and a growing number of California cities support electrification to help us rapidly transition to clean renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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