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Hi Adrian, for the 2022 Code Docket. Thanks much!

I am a policy researcher and former local planning commissioner. As you know, San Jose banned gas in all the building types in 6 months, and that was slow compared to most of the cities that have banned gas. The Bay Area is proving that BIA lobbying saying they need more time is a posture, not a fact. Meanwhile, the rest of us need cleaner air and reduced climate risk. A shift off fossils is cost-effective now and ALL major decarbonization studies agree on some basic things, including that when expensive assets are purchased new, these must be off fossil fuels. This is possible now with buildings and thankfully California is showing the way. So please just pay these lobbyist/opponents/interests with Code measures they want to shut them up--it's cheaper for ratepayers than putting in thousands of miles more gas infrastructure. We've got to stop doing this, without delay.

How about stepping back the envelope energy efficiency measures to the 2016 Code in return for an all-electric baseline? The CEC and envelope efficiency is like that old saying, "If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail." I think saving the world from climate change is more important than saving a relatively minute amount of energy. You are Decarbonization staff after all, and you know that all-electric is a larger decarbonization move than the envelope efficiency, particularly as the grid gets greener. In gratitude for all doing the important work to make the rapid shift we need.

Many thanks,

Marie Venner

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