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Codes for new construction should not require gas infrastructure

It is imperative that the CEC move towards all-electric buildings, rather than an incremental electric/gas option in the 2022 code cycle. This would not only be critical in moving our state to 100% renewable energy, thereby reducing greenhouse gases significantly, but would also be a significant cost savings to consumers.

Reduction of greenhouse gases is an urgent matter. We have suffered severe droughts, wildfires and other extreme weather events which will only worsen if we do not see a significant decrease in the use of fossil fuels. State and local municipalities have proposed or mandated strict reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and these efforts should be reinforced with building codes that are consistent with these goals.

Additionally, significant savings could be realized for builders and consumers if gas infrastructure in new construction is not required. Construction costs could be less expensive, and moving forward, utility bills would be significantly lower.

As residents of the San Fernando Valley we have seen the devastating environmental, health and economic effects of natural gas leaks at Aliso Canyon and the Valley Generating Station.

All electric buildings will be cheaper, safer, and the right thing to do.