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Lead California towards a better path

I'm a Bay-Area resident and a student at The Nueva School. On behalf of my community, I express our strong support for these reach codes to move forward quickly, requiring all-electric new construction for homes and buildings and curtailing the number of exemptions granted. As Governor Gavin Newsom addressed on July 23, 2021, the state of the climate in California is an emergency. The severe drought will only continue to get worse affecting local wildlife and reducing play areas for families, such as the Folsom Lake Reservoir. Nearing the end of July, the Folsom Lake Reservoir is only at 26% capacity. Wildfires are destroying neighborhoods in seconds leaving families and communities devastated, and animals without a home. My community's health is affected by wildfire smoke to the point where schools have been closed and outdoor recreational sports have been shut down. Animals having to evacuate their homes due to the wildfires seek shelter in residential communities eating pets and decorative vegetation. My community finds it difficult to live with wildlife constantly altering the ecosystem which is why I'm urging the importance of doing anything we can to address and tackle the climate crisis by going all electric and addressing climate change more vigorously.

I urge the California Energy Commission to lead California towards a better path by going all electric.

Maya Chow