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## Comment on Draft 2016 Update to the Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

The draft plan update, at page 26, discusses ways the CEC and the state plans to interact with local governments to help them update and enhance their own efforts to increase the energy efficiency of existing buildings. The draft plan mentions grants and technical assistance with the development of local climate action plans. These actions represent positive ways to work with local governments, but more may be needed. One way to ensure that local governments get serious about upgrading the efficiency would be for the CEC to work with the legislature to mandate that local governments upgrade their local building standards to require that existing buildings be brought up to current state new building energy efficiency standards before they are resold. This concept has been considered by local governments like the County of San Diego since 1980, but has been opposed by real estate interests who don't want their residential sales delayed. It is far past time for local governments to play their parts in this effort by requiring energy upgrades to bring existing buildings up to current new building energy standards at point of sale. Thanks for this opportunity to comment on the draft 2016 Update to the Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan.