

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	18-IEPR-09
Project Title:	Decarbonizing Buildings
TN #:	223844
Document Title:	Oppose Proposed Legislation AB 3232
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	Gretchen Gutierrez/DVBA
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	6/19/2018 8:50:19 AM
Docketed Date:	6/19/2018

Comment Received From: Gretchen Gutierrez
Submitted On: 6/19/2018
Docket Number: 18-IEPR-09

Oppose Proposed Legislation AB 3232

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESIDENT

Fred Beil

Nobel! Energy Solutions

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Deborah McGarrey

Southern California Gas Company

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Dubose

Development Design &

Engineering

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Eileen Eske

Pacific Premier Bank

VICE PRESIDENT

OF ASSOCIATES

Allan Levin

Allan Levin & Associates

PAST PRESIDENT

Bruce Maize

Discovery Builders

June 18, 2018

Chairman Robert Weisenmiller, Ph.D.
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street - MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: AB 3232 (Friedman) - OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller:

On behalf of Desert Valleys Builders Association (DVBA), we would like to express our opposition to AB 3232 (Friedman), which sets statewide goals for "zero-emission" buildings by 2030-both new and existing construction.

The DVBA is the (501c3) trade association representing the Coachella Valley & Imperial County on behalf of over 200+ companies involved in the residential and commercial development fields and industries. We provide full governmental affairs and legislative review on behalf of our members and the development and entitlement industries on those areas that have an impact, positive or negative, on the economic vitality of the construction industry.

The bill is a thinly-veiled attempt to force everyone to use electricity for all end-uses, regardless of what people want or the increased cost to consumers. While there are claims that the bill is "fuel-neutral", the proponents of the bill have made it abundantly clear that the purpose of this bill is to promote a transition from natural gas end-uses in buildings to electric heat pump technology. Additionally, state regulators, who will be in charge of creating and implementing this strategy have also made it known that their preference is to electrify all end-uses. Clearly, a specific technology and energy type will be given preference. However, the bill itself states that combustion in buildings accounts for just 10% of the state's annual greenhouse gas emissions, far less than many other sectors. Why would the state create an expensive and unstudied mandate to chase such a small fraction of emissions?

75100 Mediterranean • Palm Desert • CA 92211
(760) 776 -700 1 office • (760) 776-7002 fax
www.thedvba.org

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Gretchen Gutierrez

DIRECTORS

Brian Benedetti

Brian Benedetti Construction

Mark Benedetti

BMC Select Build

Margaret Drury

Margaret Drury Construction

Mario Gonzales

GHA Companies

Joe Hayes

First Bank

Todd Hooks

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Dave Lippert

Lippert Construction, Inc

Paul Mahoney

PMA Advertising

Dan Olivier

Nethery Mueller Olivier

Alan Pace

Petra Geotechnical

John Powell, Jr.

Coachella Valley Water District

Phil Smith

Sunrise Company

Patrick Swarthout

Habitat for Humanity

Jeff Wattenbarger

Wattenbarger Construction



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Fred Bell
Nobell Energy Solutions

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Deborah McGanicy
Southern California Gas Company

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Dubose
Development Design &
Engineering

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Eileen Eske
Pacific Premier Bank

VICE PRESIDENT

OF ASSOCIATES

Allan Levin
Allan Levin & Associates

PAST PRESIDENT

Bruce Maize
Discovery Builders

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Gretchen Gutierrez

DIRECTORS

Brian Benedetti
Brian Benedetti Construction
Mark Benedetti
BMC Select Build
Margaret Drury
Margaret Drury Construction
Mario Gonzales
GHA Companies
Joe Hayes
First Bank
Todd Hooks
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Dave Lippert
Lippert Construction, Inc
Paul Mahoney
PMA Advertising
Dan Olivier
Nethery Mueller Olyier
Alan Pace
Petra Geotechnical
John Powell, Jr.
Coachella Valley Water District
Phil Smith
Sunrise Company
Patrick Swarthout
Habitat for Humanity
Jeff Wattenbarger
Wattenbarger Construction

This bill is unnecessary. Californians can already choose their preferred appliances-the reason natural gas is used in over 80% of homes and businesses is due to market forces. People choose natural gas because it is cheaper and more efficient, and we believe Californians should have the right to choose the energy and appliances they use in their homes and businesses. We believe there are better, more cost-effective ways to clean our air and protect the environment.

California is facing unprecedented affordability issues: the costs of housing, transportation, and energy are on the rise. Everyday Californians are finding it difficult to provide for their families and make ends meet. It is therefore unreasonable to expect that everyone can switch out their appliances without facing financial hardship. Replacing appliances also may require an upgrade to both the electric panel and wiring, at great **personal**, additional cost to the homeowner. Californians who rent can expect to have these costs potentially passed along to them. Once homes are all-electric, energy bills will increase significantly. Households that use all-electric appliances pay almost \$900 a year more than mixed-fuel homes.

In addition, an electrification mandate would eliminate customer choice and make the term "energy options" completely meaningless in California. This would move the state to an all-eggs-in-one-basket scenario, jeopardizing energy reliability. Should blackouts occur due to natural or man-made causes, California residents will be completely without energy for cooking or space and water heating. It hardly seems prudent for the state to choose to eliminate all but one type of energy.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose AB 3232 and request that the California Energy Commission **NOT** adopt the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,



Gretchen Gutierrez
CEO