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June 28, 2018

California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street - MS-29  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

**Re: IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Achieving Zero Emission Buildings**

Dear Commissioners,

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) is writing to express our support for increased state policy activities and investments to rapidly accelerate building decarbonization.

SVCE is a community choice aggregator serving the majority of Santa Clara County communities, acquiring clean, carbon-free electricity on behalf of more than 270,000 residential and commercial customers. Member jurisdictions include Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Saratoga, Sunnyvale and unincorporated Santa Clara County. SVCE was formed in March 2016, inspired by a common interest in taking bold and effective climate action. Since launching, SVCE has exceeded the state mandate to procure 50% renewable energy by 2030, more than a decade ahead of schedule. In 2017, SVCE's power supply had an emissions rate of less than one pound of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour, a 99% decrease in electricity emissions.

In close coordination with our member agencies and communities, SVCE's attention is increasingly focused on tackling the two remaining categories of our community's energy-related emissions, transportation and buildings. Fuel switching in the building and transportation sectors to replace fossil fuels with clean electricity is a fundamental component of the programmatic roadmap for achieving climate goals, as identified in SVCE's Board-approved Strategic Plan.

State policy wields critical influence over SVCE's ability to serve our customers and fulfill our core goals and mission, including our ability to mitigate GHG emissions. SVCE supports increased state policy activity to remove barriers for decarbonization and increase investments to unlock a true market transformation. State actions that are key for catalyzing building decarbonization include enhancements to Title 24 to better account for GHG emissions, flexible resources, and the full cost of gas infrastructure and methane leakage; a statewide goal and joint agency action plan for decarbonizing buildings that incorporates stakeholder input; using funds from the



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energy efficiency portfolio for fuel-switching incentives; and, increased support for innovative pilots and programs that have the potential to scale across the state and beyond.

We look forward to working with state policymakers to develop and implement policy supporting building electrification, in order to achieve our founding mission of tackling climate change, the single greatest environmental challenge of our time.

Sincerely,

Girish Balachandran  
CEO