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## **Level the Playing Field**

The Energy Commission needs to create an independent baseline for all-electric commercial and multifamily buildings to create a level playing field for electric heating and hot water and stop artificially favoring gas systems. Electric systems are more cost effective to build and operate and support affordable housing. With California's clean renewable electric grid, electric heating has much lower carbon emissions. It is important to take this step now rather than the next code cycle. Building structures should not be following an outdated model for another three years.