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## **Why wait when we know the right thing to do for the climate?**

We request that the Energy Commission 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. Electric systems are more cost effective to build and operate, supporting more affordable housing. With California's clean renewable electricity grid, electric heating has much lower carbon emissions. Importantly, avoiding the use of gas also reduces emissions in the near term, the next 10 years, when they matter most, since methane emissions have a shorter timespan. Please take this step now rather than locking in gas infrastructure for three more years waiting for the next code cycle. □