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Stakeholder Process

- UC Berkeley School of Law convened over 30 policy, industry, and advocacy stakeholders
- Stakeholder group identified top barriers to accessing state efficiency incentive programs for low-income, multifamily properties
- Solutions included:
 - Forming a one-stop shop program administrator
 - Enabling financing innovations like pay-as-you-save
 - Creating a statewide energy and financing database



Statewide One-Stop Shop

MCE Case Study

- Four- and 12-unit naturally occurring affordable properties in San Rafael and Richmond
- One-stop shop could replicate LIFT and MF Energy Savings Program's technical assistance and access to incentives
- Wakeland Housing & Community Development Case Study
 - 58-unit deed restricted property in San Diego
 - One-stop shop could help address conflict between LIWP timeline and TCAC timeline



One-Stop Shop: Examples

• Energy Trust of Oregon

- Comprehensive guidebook of incentives offered by ratepayer-funded (3% utility surcharge) nonprofit
- Massachusetts LEAN Program
 - Single point of contact across all utilities and regions
- New York Multifamily Performance Program
 - State energy research and development agency runs program directly



Statewide Energy, Financing, Property Database

- MG Properties Group Case Study
 - 250-unit property with 50 Section 8 units and 200 marketrate units
 - Renegotiation of 40-year ground lease with City occasioned refinancing with Fannie Mae Green Rewards Loan: unique trigger point
 - Comprehensive database of energy, financing, rehabilitation needs could help incentive programs coordinate with less well situated owner/developers to maximize opportunities

