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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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October 5, 2020

California Energy Commission
Commissioners and Staff
Sacramento, CA

Via email: publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov

RE: Support for an All Electric Building Code for New Construction and Renovation

Dear Gentle California Energy Commission Commissioners and Staff,

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto Green Sanctuary Committee (UUCPA-GSC) is in strong support of a 2022 all-electric building code for new construction and renovation.

UUCPA-GSC recognizes the economic, environmental, health, convenience and comfort provided by all electric construction. For the same reasons, in the past 24 months at least 34 municipalities across California have enacted Reach Codes addressing building electrification. It is time for the state as a whole to reap the above benefits.

UUCPA-GSC is also concerned and working to address California's housing crisis. An all-electric building code supports these efforts as construction times and costs are both decreased as there is no need to design, permit, or build the natural gas piping into the building.

Finally, our members do not forget that on Sept. 9, 2010, a gas pipeline in San Bruno ruptured and unleashed an explosion and inferno that killed eight people, injured 58, and destroyed the neighborhood. Nor that in 2015, a 7 inch pipe failed at Aliso Canyon storage facility causing the worst single natural gas leak in U.S. history.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding questions. Our Green Sanctuary Committee has experience with all-electric construction and our membership recognizes (and has long enjoyed) the cost and time savings resulting from all electric housing while simultaneously protecting the health of our children and planet.

Kind regards,

Justine Burt, Co-Chair, UUCPA Green Sanctuary Committee