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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Good afternoon, my name is **William Leddy, FAIA** – I’m an architect and Vice President of Climate Action for the **American Institute of Architects California**. I’m here representing AIA California and it’s 11,000 architect members across the state.

Science tells us that we have only ten years to radically reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of our buildings if we are to have any hope of mitigating the most severe, catastrophic climate impacts. But, as much as our energy codes already lead the nation, we believe they are not responding quickly enough to meet this greatest challenge of our generation. We must take make more aggressive code changes NOW.

As Governor Newsom a few weeks ago about climate action, ***“Our goals are inadequate to the reality we’re experiencing”***

AIA California would like to submit the following comments:

1. **We strongly support rapid electrification across the state:** It’s time to stop burning fossil fuels inside our buildings and shift to all electric. The state should take the lead in requiring all buildings to be all electric.
2. **We strongly support the CEC’s expansion of rooftop solar:** Additionally we urge the expansion of these requirements to all building types to help meet our state’s de-carbonization goals. This will provide the multiple benefits of further accelerating PV demand, driving costs down further, and fast-tracking zero net carbon benefits.
3. **We urge the CEC to adopt the 2022 Zero Code for California as a statewide reach code:** Developed by Architecture 2030, this would require all new commercial buildings to be zero net carbon through a combination of on-site renewable energy and grid-based renewable energy.
4. **We strongly support a just transition from fossil fuels** with policies that protect workers and low-income communities.

As the fifth largest economy in the world and a global leader in climate action, California must continue to push aggressively toward a zero carbon future. AIA California and it’s 11,000 members stand ready to work closely with the California Energy Commission to advance this critical effort.