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We cannot afford, for a livable planet and for housing affordability to build 300,000+ new homes and millions of square feet of commercial space in California, fueled by fossil gas for another 3 years. 34 local CA jurisdictions have already adopted local codes that require or strongly encourage all electric new construction. It is time for the state to follow suit, and CEC needs to promote legislation to achieve this quickly.

Building new infrastructure fueled by fossils fuels locks us into future decades of further consumption of these planet climate destroying gasses. Methane is particularly harmful, since when it leaks it has 80 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide. To meet its climate goals California needs to phase out all fossil fuel consumption in the next 10 years and switch to a smart grid with wind and solar generation and battery storage. This is all technically and financially feasible right now and lacks only the political will to legislate the rules for the future path. The climate fires we are having right now are only a foretaste of what could be coming. ACT NOW. Thank you.

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