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CA Needs an all-electric Building Code Now

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To: California Energy Commission Members

SanDiego350 is an inclusive volunteer organization devoted to inspiring a movement to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and climate injustice. We strive to create a future that supports a livable planet and just society through education and outreach, public policy advocacy and mobilizing people to take action. We have approximately 10,000 members in the San Diego region.

The California Energy Commission has the opportunity now to demonstrate leadership in the 2022 Building Code update. We need to ensure that new buildings are on track to meet California's ambitious climate goals. Therefore, the building code should be updated and must be based on an all-electric default for new construction. You must not wait. Waiting three more years would not only miss an opportunity to unleash a faster, cheaper way to build housing in our state, it would also cost Californians \$1 billion in unnecessary gas infrastructure, and lock them into 3 million tons of additional carbon emissions by 2030. Given the long lifetime of new construction, California needs a clear statement from the CEC that California is committed to a logical transition from fossil fuels, and not propping up a soon-to-be obsolete industry -- an industry destroying our planet and our children's future.

Please act now to update the 2022 building code to ensure an all--electric default for new construction. Over 30 cities in California have set this new standard and the state must do so as well.

Thank you,



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