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This same letter is hopefully attached in pdf form with slightly different or less punctuation and altered wording to try to work with this existing, seemingly a bit antiquated, docket software system. It took me a while as a public commenter and occasional docket reader to see the remarkable difference.

A. Per draft guidelines a community based organization or CBO equals_A nonprofit organization or a tribal or governmental entity with demonstrated effectiveness representing an under resourced or tribal community and providing support and services to individuals in the community.

Question 1_Can a townhouse and condominium board of directors, which for example in my community is a set of owner unpaid volunteers, elected and sometimes appointed, who meet in regular monthly meetings to make themselves available to the complex residents, who are both owners and renters, be considered a Community Based Organization if that board addresses the associated needs of possibly a certain percentage of fixed income and low income residents, by default?

When I asked this question in writing during an Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program_Draft Guidelines Program webinar on May 17th, 2023, the CEC respondent referred to examine the CBO definition in the document. Though I examined the document and here shared the exact wording, I hope it can be clear to the chosen program administrators and to townhouse and condominium boards that the townhouse and condominium boards are or can become Community Based Organizations. Townhouse and condominium board of director groups can be already somewhat stressed, unpaid, often very unappreciated volunteer groups of humans, who provide services to others and might very much appreciate being able to make their communities available for the chosen Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program administrators.

B. Per draft guidelines, 1. Eligible Building Types are residential buildings constructed prior to 2020. New construction is not eligible. A building may not participate in the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program more than once. Eligible building types include Single-family homes, Multifamily residential buildings of two or more units. Residential buildings such as assisted living facilities, transitional housing, and group homes. This does not include nonresidential buildings used as emergency makeshift shelters. Mixed use buildings that include residential units. Only the residential portion, including common areas, is eligible for the program. Manufactured homes, mobile homes, and multifamily manufactured homes, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18007 et seq. Eligible buildings may be either owner

occupied or rented.

Question 2: Can this Eligible Building Type list please include in blatant CEC words townhouses and condominiums? Though this particular eligibility may be clear to expert building professionals, it may not be clear to more general audiences.

C. Question 3 Food for Thought or Take the bull by the horns ideologies Will the CEC be addressing new communities of low-income or no income, such as new migrant communities, who become managed in housing complexes or hotels? This consideration might need kind, advanced expert thought by CEC staff whether it can be embraced by this program or not. I mentioned this along with Question 1 and Question 2, at the May 17th, 2023 CEC webinar. Hopefully this concept had nothing to do with Florida's government recently sending migrants to Sacramento! It can be difficult to positively design if people with money react like that!

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

**22-DECARB-03 California Energy Commission (CEC), “Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program: Draft Guidelines” Questions for Staff
Claire A. Warshaw, June 9, 2023, 1 page**

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Question 1: Can a townhouse and/or condominium board of directors, which for example in my community is a set of owner unpaid volunteers, elected and sometimes appointed, who meet in regular monthly meetings to make themselves available to the complex’s residents (who are both owners and renters) be considered a “Community Based Organization” if that board addresses the associated needs of possibly a certain percentage of fixed income and/or low-income residents, by default?

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