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2025 Energy Code

Hi - I am writing about the 2025 Energy Code from the perspective of an Environmental Quality Commissioner with the City of Menlo Park, as a mother, and as a concerned earth advocate.

The 2025 Energy Code as written does a lot to move away from gas. Thank you! And there is one HUGE missed opportunity in the code as it is currently written. I strongly encourage you to require two-way heat pumps when A/Cs are being replaced. This is one of the most important regulations we can put in place to electrify existing homes and buildings.

I strongly encourage you to include this clause because without state leadership each individual municipality is left to construct regulations of their own. This creates a patchwork of varying rules which are difficult for contractors and homeowners to navigate, and challenging for cities to defend against lawsuits that are funded by fossil fuel-funded organizations.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and please do reinstate language to require expired AC units to be replaced with heat pumps.

Nancy