

Draft of Possible Letter from City of Sebastopol to California Energy Commission

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On behalf of the City of Sebastopol, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. We encourage the CEC to transition to a 2022 building code that is aligned with the State's climate targets. Adopting an all-electric building code for both residential and commercial construction will utilize the State's increasingly carbon-free electricity resources.

Building industry stakeholders need a clear signal from the State to move toward all-electric construction. Sebastopol recognizes that continued expansion of natural gas infrastructure moves us farther away from our climate goals and will create the need for costly future retrofits.

In support of California's climate goals, the State has set in motion a number of policy initiatives focused on decarbonizing the electricity and transportation sectors. As California's electricity supply becomes increasingly carbon-free, natural gas is responsible for a larger percentage of emissions from building energy use. The combustion of natural gas in residential and commercial buildings comprises a large percentage of communitywide emissions in many California jurisdictions.

The City of Sebastopol is committed to addressing climate change by reducing GHG emissions. Therefore, we encourage the CEC to adopt an all-electric building code in 2022.

(Signed, Mayor)