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To: City of San Diego Land Use and Housing Committee
Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee, Chair
Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera, Vice Chair
Councilmember Raul Campillo
Councilmember Vivian Moreno
Cc: Mayor Todd Gloria, staff

Subject: **Strong Support for the Proposed High Performance Reach Code**

We are contacting you on behalf of the [San Diego Building Electrification Coalition](#) (SDBEC). We are an alliance of over 45 community, business, faith, justice and environmental organizations coming together to equitably accelerate electrification in residential and commercial buildings. Building electrification is essential to meeting California and San Diego's ambitious climate goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality in our homes and buildings and protecting public health.

A High Performance Reach Code encourages all-electric new construction while providing grid and emissions benefits in projects that choose fossil gas appliances. This allows developers a choice when designing new buildings, while nudging them towards all-electric construction. Since the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in the lawsuit involving the City of Berkeley, eight California cities including [Encinitas](#) (passed last spring) have implemented High Performance Reach Codes for new construction.

The time is right to adopt a High Performance Reach Code:

- Passing the code will demonstrate the city's commitment in the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, specifically [Action BE-1.2a](#)
- It is cost-effective, as is required by the CEC for all Reach Codes.
- The proposed Reach Code is stronger than the upcoming 2026 Title 24 Building Code and will be easy to update when that is issued.
- It is straightforward for the city's Development Services Department to implement.
- Most importantly, it supports clean air and healthy homes in our communities.

SDBEC is urging your support and vote in favor of the proposed High Performance Reach Code that assists in meeting the goals of the Climate Action Plan. We are available to answer any questions or provide additional information.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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