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Dear Supervisors,

As Ventura County is set to repeal the current all-electric building policy, I urge you to direct staff to consider and present an energy performance requirement in its place. This is the best and mostly timely option to continue pursuing the County's adopted climate action goals within the existing legal framework. A "fuel neutral" ordinance makes sense, as it offers voluntary incentives for all-electric buildings because heat pumps and electric HVACs are more efficient and cheaper than gas. Ventura County should also take advantage of the various resources and technical assistance available to adopt this policy; a policy that over six other cities and counties have adopted in the last year or so.

Building with electric systems and appliances is cheaper than with gas, and this type of ordinance provides choice and autonomy to builders and developers. I urge you to direct staff to consider a high efficiency building ordinance, including taking advantage of the free resources available from other leading jurisdictions and technical assistance programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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