



July 23, 2024

Ventura County Board of Supervisors

800 S. Victoria Avenue

Ventura, CA 93009

RE: Agenda Item 112: Receive and File Information Regarding Recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision Invalidating Current Mandatory Ventura County Building Code Provisions for All-Electric

Dear Ventura County Board of Supervisors,

In light of the Berkeley ruling on all electric reach codes, we understand the hesitancy of the Board of Supervisors to adopt such a reach code for the County of Ventura. However, the urgency of the climate crisis requires that we use all the tools available to reduce emissions as rapidly and equitably as possible. That is why the Conejo Climate Coalition is joining other organizations and citizens in calling on the Board to adopt a **one energy performance requirement for mixed fuel and all electric** for Ventura County. Ventura County would be in good company with such a measure, joining Brisbane, Encinitas, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz. This ordinance will be “fuel-neutral” which will provide more flexibility and autonomy with developers in how they want to design buildings. In addition, building trends in California are swiftly moving towards the adoption of all-electric construction due to its increasingly lowered costs and updates to the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards, Title 24, part 6—requiring all-electric readiness in new construction. This ordinance will help recognize and reward these trends. This ordinance will not require many resources from County staff or counsel, as the policy is relatively straightforward, can be implemented

quickly, and many resources exist to support the County in its adoption. We urge you to direct staff to consider a high efficiency building ordinance, including taking advantage of the incredible and free resources available from other leading jurisdictions and technical assistance programs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Conejo Climate Coalition

Thousand Oaks, CA