

**VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**September 12, 2023 – BOS Meeting**

**RE: AGENDA ITEM #65**

I encourage the BOS to follow the CEO's recommendation and approve the two CEC proposals as presented. We are in a transitional period and must be responsible to do all possible to mitigate our direct contributions to GHG emissions. The County can set an example by making certain that new County buildings are energy efficient and do not use fossil fuels for heating or cooling. Replacement of HVAC systems, boilers and water heaters in existing buildings should also be accomplished with high-efficiency electric units.

The County should also develop a program, as recommended by your CEC, to reduce CO2 and other GHG emissions from residential and nonresidential buildings. That can be done through building and/or energy codes.

It is not an exaggeration that our very survivability as a species requires that we all move in that direction.

Sincerely,

Steven Colome