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October 10th, 2022

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Agenda Item #42 Please Support All Electric New Construction

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Community Environmental Council (CEC) is a local environmental nonprofit whose mission is to advance rapid and equitable solutions to the climate crisis. CEC supports the staff recommendation to adopt the 2022 Ventura County Building Code Ordinance, with requirements for all electric appliances and equipment.

All-electric new building construction is the future, with 60 California jurisdictions including the City of Ojai and the City of Santa Barbara having adopted such an ordinance. The County of Santa Barbara voted last week to move forward an all-electric ordinance, the City of Carpinteria is voting tonight to do so, and the City of Goleta will also considering a similar ordinance soon. There are numerous co-benefits to transitioning new construction to be all-electric, including improving indoor air quality, health, cost-effectiveness and affordability of new construction, and the potential to generate local new jobs in clean-green tech.

The state's electric system is becoming cleaner every year. The County's electricity provider, Clean Power Alliance, is currently serving 100% clean and renewable electricity to most of the county. This will ensure new buildings are powered by zero emission electricity. Local energy generation and storage systems are improving energy reliability and resilience and new highly-efficient heat pump and electric appliance technology is increasingly being adopted with an emphasis on green workforce development. Now is an opportune time to transition away from fossil fuels in new buildings and CEC strongly supports the County to adopt an all electric code for new construction.

Sincerely,



Michael Chiacos
Director of Climate Policy