

Public Comment - Group 2



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Brianda Negrete

From: Nancy Hubbs-Chang (Squirebran@earthlink.net) Sent You a Personal Message <kwautomail@phone2action.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 6:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!
Categories: Public Comment

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Dear County of Santa Barbara,

We are California. We are leaders throughout the rest of the country in making the right call. Saving the planet from runaway climate change disasters starts with us.

I support taking climate action and making new buildings sustainable and carbon-free!

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Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

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Dear County of Santa Barbara,

Fossil Free New Buildings is one of the biggest most important steps we can take to reduce CO2 in the atmosphere. Building's contribute 20% or more of CO2. In terms of the economy, the build out of solar and electric helps SB county provide jobs, and expertise needed to accelerate the move to electrification. SB county, with it's year round sun is in a position to reduce costs for schools, the county, and backup power solutions as we both add jobs, and increase our expertise and deployment of renewable solutions.

Good for the planet, jobs, the future economy, and power resiliency.

Please support it.

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Sincerely,

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From: Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:01 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item #2

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I'm writing to show my support for establishing all-electric building codes. Going all-electric will help us achieve the statewide goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2045. As you know, sixty California jurisdictions, including the City of Ojai and the City of Santa Barbara, have adopted such an ordinance. I encourage the County to consider a health and safety ordinance that bans natural gas in new construction like the City of Santa Barbara has done.

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From: Brigitta Van Der Raay <bvanderraay@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 6:36 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support for Building Electrification Ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please direct your staff to proceed with developing an Ordinance that regulates natural gas infrastructure in new construction, additions, and major alterations (Option 4).

Some years ago, my daughter lived in an apartment with two other renters (and her cat), and the gas stove had a leak that was quite noticeable in the air. Why the cat didn't die, is beyond me. However, none of the renters wanted to take the initiative to get it fixed due to lack of money, so they would just open the window now and then, but mostly kept it closed because of the cold. I was horrified that this had been going on for quite some time. Who knows what damage this may have done to my daughter. She has respiratory issues now, and who knows if it stemmed from this period. Please protect people with limited resources and lack of initiative to fix leaks! They all too often affect the health of others who are not in control.

In addition, I am quite concerned about the future living conditions on Earth for my children and their children. We have abused the fragile air resources we have to the point of global warming. It is time we did everything we can to stem the pollution, without delay. We are now really feeling the effects physically, as well as financially, of a warming climate. It would be irresponsible for us to put our own ease or profits ahead of their well being. Clean sources of energy are imperative.

Please do all you can to encourage clean energy use and the reduction of greenhouse gasses.

Thank you,

Brigitta Van Der Raay

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Brianda Negrete

From: Jim Byrne <jimbyrne.wx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 1, 2022 4:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: 10-4-22 SB County B.O.S. Meeting: Agenda Item D2 Comment

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Hello Board Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment regarding Agenda Item D2.

I'd like to voice my objection and deep concern over the proposition to regulate and prohibit the use of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) in future construction within Santa Barbara County.

It's very concerning and deeply troubling that you're considering an Ordinance that is supported by threatening verbage such as "Police Powers", "Compliance in Perpetuity" and "Permanent" when considering shutting off a vital, cost-effective and relatively clean form of energy that promotes an increased quality of life for all residents in our lovely County.

According to the US Energy Information Administration (December 8, 2021), "Natural gas has many qualities that make it an efficient, relatively clean burning and economical energy source. Natural gas produces more energy than any of the Fossil Fuels. It has a 92% efficiency rate from wellhead to home, compared to electricity generated by coal, which operates at only a 32% efficiency rate". This recent proposal to shut-off, arguably, the cleanest burning fuel into our homes will hurt people physically and financially, especially the most vulnerable populations that environmental groups (and some of you) pushing this agenda claim to represent and support...all in the interest of "Saving the Planet". Please stop the cycle of severe government overreach and abandon this harmful proposition.

As a Meteorologist for nearly 30-years, a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist with the American Meteorological Society, an on-camera Meteorological Consultant for two widely popular syndicated shows on the Weather Channel and a former member of the Community Advisory Council for the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, I have witnessed the increased "Bastardization" of Climate & Atmospheric Sciences for the manipulation of political gain and control...with an emphasis on CONTROL. If one looks close enough and does a deeper dive into this subject you'll find that this movement is a mechanism for cultural and societal change...please refer to the UN's Agenda 2021/2030 referendum. The demonization of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) is the catalyst in driving this change and the primary reason you are considering this agenda item.

Scientifically, the issue of anthropogenic CO2 being the driver of Climate Change is patently absurd. The atmosphere is extremely dynamic and complex. Carbon Dioxide's atmospheric contribution is a mere 0.04% and it's believed the human contribution is 3% of that...or 0.012% of the atmosphere. To postulate that 0.012% of the atmosphere controls the temperature for the remaining 99.9988% is unrealistic. The Sun is THE primary factor driving weather and climate.

Eliminating an abundant, cheap and relatively clean burning energy source will place additional stress on an already strained and unstable electrical grid. How and where will the additional electricity be generated to supplant the loss of LNG? Recently, State Policymakers have made reckless edicts upon us by mandating the abolition of gas-powered automobiles by 2050 and eliminating the production, installation and sales of gas-powered generators, heaters and coolers by 2030. The folly of their directives (and potentially yours) are highlighted by the fact that there is no plan for the size and scale of electricity generation to backfill the loss. You are "putting the cart before the horse" and the residents of the County incur financial and physical hardships of historic consequences if enacted. Will you, even after you've departed your seat on the Board, take responsibility for the harm that will be brought to your constituents?

Please . Don't perpetuate this malevolent worldwide scam. By prohibiting LNG into future home construction across Santa Barbara County you are setting a dangerous precedent of extreme government overreach AND potential misery to the very residents you serve and represent.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jim Byrne
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Brianda Negrete

From: Celeste M Anacker (celesteanacker@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!
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Thank you for maintaining Santa Barbara County's environmental leadership.

Sincerely,

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From: Martin Henderson (beechcleener@gamil.com) Sent You a Personal Message <kwautomail@phone2action.com>
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Sincerely,

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Brianda Negrete

From: Jane Fehrenbacher <janeldy11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 8:45 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: All Electric

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To County of Santa Barbara,
Please make the decision to require new housing to use all electric stoves, etc. It is VITAL to combat the already effects of Climate Change.

Jane Fehrenbacher
Santa Barbara



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Brianda Negrete

From: Virginia Souza <vps805@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 9:48 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda item #2. Natural gas hook ups

Categories: Public Comment

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As a Second generation Santa Maria native I strongly support staff recommendation Option 4 to prohibit gas hook ups for all new construction in Santa Barbara County. As a mother and grandmother I wish to do all within my power to ensure a healthy place for future generations to live in here in Gods country, naturally gorgeous Santa Barbara County.
Signed, Virginia Perry Souza

Sent from my iPhone



Brianda Negrete

From: Emily Adams <eadamssmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 2, 2022 6:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item 2 -- Power

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Greetings, Board of Supervisors.

I am writing in support of option #4 on agenda item #2 because we need to move away from our old reliance on natural gas and other pollutants in every way that we can. Please help us move in the right direction.

In my home in Santa Barbara, we have a wall furnace, water heater, clothes dryer and stove that are all gas powered. It's an old house. I'm sure you know about the 2013 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory study that found that households that cook just once a week are producing toxic levels of nitrogen dioxide, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide. We cook every day and that's a little terrifying. Please do not allow new homes to be built with gas lines pumping toxins into homes and families. Knowing what we know now, it is unconscionable.

Also, existing homes like ours are going to need retrofitting. New electric appliances and some kind of heat pump system will need more than our current 40-amp service. And SoCal Edison has not been easy to reach. It would be great if local governments helped with information, connections to the utilities, contractors — anything!

Several years ago, we remodeled our kitchen around a beloved vintage O'Keefe & Merritt stove. It will be hard to rip it out. But we're willing to do that because it's the right thing.

I hope you join us in that.

Emily Adams



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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: Hod Gray (bosshod@mac.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Sincerely,

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From: Carly Ritter (carly316@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Sincerely,

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Brianda Negrete

From: Ronit Corry (ronit@worldshare.net) Sent You a Personal Message
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To: sbcob
Subject: Support fossil-free new buildings for Santa Barbara County!
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Sincerely,

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From: Nelda Martin <nelda.a.martin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 2:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item D-2

Categories: Public Comment

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I'm a resident of Los Alamos and I'm reaching out to the Board of Supervisors to voice my opinion regarding item D-2.

The idea of banning Natural Gas hookups is complete and utter insanity based on the idea of reducing "carbon emissions"! The idea that "carbon emissions" is a problem is a complete SCAM perpetrated by the "Climate Change Movement".

You need to know the facts -- the truth about what actually determines "climate change" Science says "It's the sun and clouds" not CARBON!!!

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue.

Nelda A Martin

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Brianda Negrete

From: Jenna Cawley Tosh <jenna.cawley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 12:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In Support of Electric Buildings: Agenda Item 2

Categories: Public Comment

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Good morning, I am writing to voice my strong support for all-electric building codes, including prohibiting natural gas, as per staff recommendation Option 4.

I am a mother of three young children and we live and work in Santa Barbara County. The climate crisis is here and it's up to all of us to heed the science and end our reliance on fossil fuels. Our children are counting on all of us to ensure they will inherit a livable planet.

Thank you,
Jenn Tosh

--
Jenna Cawley Tosh

Brianda Negrete

From: Torrie Cutbirth (torriecutbirth@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message
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Sincerely,

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Brianda Negrete

From: Nadia Abushanab <nadiasbcan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 2:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oct 4 meeting comment for Item #2

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to move forward with staff recommendation 4 to develop a prohibition of natural gas. As a renter and someone with sensitivities to air pollution, a prohibition like this would be very meaningful. Natural gas in homes, especially in stoves, is very dangerous and has been linked to many adverse respiratory health effects. People who own their homes and have the funds can replace their dangerous gas stoves with safer and more efficient electric stoves. However, as a renter I do not have that option. Going forward, this ordinance will help protect renters, children, and other people who do not have the agency to remove natural gas from their homes themselves.

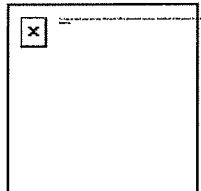
In addition to the health improvements, electrifying buildings is a crucial step to take to stop relying on fossil fuels and usher in the energy transition. We must electrify as much as possible to stave off the worst impacts of climate change for future generations.

Please uphold SB County's reputation as a climate leader and accept staff recommendation 4, natural gas prohibition.

Thank you,

Nadia Abushanab

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Brianda Negrete

From: William Reed <diversifiedenergycalifornia@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item D-2, Board of Supervisors Agenda of Oct. 4, 2022

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Chair Hartmann and Supervisors:

I write to express our opposition to approval of any of the 4 Options included in the Board Letter regarding your proposed Building Electrification Ordinance.

Since the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions are generated from existing structures, our position is that efforts to reduce emissions are more appropriately directed toward incentives, rebates, and consumer education to encourage replacement of existing natural gas fired appliances in those existing structures.

In addition, with the California Air Resource Board's recent rule which will ban sale of natural gas fired appliances for water and air heating, and expected future bans on sales of natural gas fired ranges, ovens, and clothes dryers, we feel that ordinances such as you are considering will soon be rendered unnecessary.

Our recommendation would be that such issues be managed at the state level rather than by creating a patchwork of dissimilar municipal and county-level ordinances.

Bill Reed
Director, Consumer Education
Diversified Energy California

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Tina Irwin <tirwin@porlamarnursery.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 3:07 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Brian Caird
Subject: Building Electrification Ordinance
Attachments: Building Electrification Ordinance.pdf

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October 3, 2022

Supervisor Gregg Hart
sbcob@countyofsb.org

Re: **Building Electrification Ordinance**

Dear Supervisor Hart,

This letter is intended to voice Por La Mar Nursery's (PLM's) opposing position to the **Building Electrification Ordinance** that is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for October 4, 2022.

PLM has been a part of Santa Barbara County since 1972. With over 120 acres of land, 26 acres of greenhouses and employing hundreds of local people, the passing of the Building Electrification Ordinance could possibly be detrimental to our business.

PLM has valid concerns about this possible switch:

1. The cost to heat greenhouses using electricity would be extremely expensive.
2. Santa Barbara County has experienced rolling blackouts due to lack of electricity.
3. Most companies including ours use natural gas generators for back-up electricity.
4. Forced to be reliant on one source of energy.
5. Greenhouse owners will be forced to pass along the added cost to customers to be profitable.
6. Counties without a similar ordinance will have an unfair advantage in the marketplace based on the lower cost to heat their greenhouses.
7. The economic impact would not be viable.

I want to thank you in advance for understanding the importance and the ramifications to our community should this Ordinance be approved.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification regarding Por La Mar Nursery's position on this matter, please contact me directly at (805) 705-4322.

Thank you,
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October 3, 2022

Supervisor Gregg Hart
sbcob@countyofsb.org

Re: **Building Electrification Ordinance**

Dear Supervisor Hart,

This letter is intended to voice Por La Mar Nursery's (PLM's) opposing position to the **Building Electrification Ordinance** that is on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for October 4, 2022.

PLM has been a part of Santa Barbara County since 1972. With over 120 acres of land, 26 acres of greenhouses and employing hundreds of local people, the passing of the Building Electrification Ordinance could possibly be detrimental to our business.

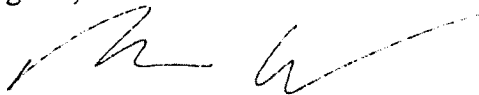
PLM has valid concerns about this possible switch:

1. The cost to heat greenhouses using electricity would be extremely expensive.
2. Santa Barbara County has experienced rolling blackouts due to lack of electricity.
3. Most companies including ours use natural gas generators for back-up electricity.
4. Forced to be reliant on one source of energy.
5. Greenhouse owners will be forced to pass along the added cost to customers to be profitable.
6. Counties without a similar ordinance will have an unfair advantage in the marketplace based on the lower cost to heat their greenhouses.
7. The economic impact would not be viable.

I want to thank you in advance for understanding the importance and the ramifications to our community should this Ordinance be approved.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification regarding Por La Mar Nursery's position on this matter, please contact me directly at (805) 705-4322.

Regards,



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