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Subject: Support natural gas ban

Hello Planning Commission members,
I am writing in support of the proposal before you to require new building construction to use electricity rather than natural gas for heating and other purposes. I also support loosening restrictions on solar implementation.

We know that the best route to reducing emissions is to electrify our power usage, and to make the sources of that power clean and renewable. We know the urgency of acting now to make these changes. We know that buildings are a significant source of carbon emissions and that each construction project that incorporates fossil fuels locks us into those emissions for decades to come.

And we know the technology is ready. I have made the transition to all-electric heat, powered by solar, in my own home, and while it was expensive to install, it has worked beautifully and my overall energy usage over the year is down.

It's reasonable to allow for a transition period before the policy takes effect, but the policy is the right one--and critical for meeting the City's emissions goals and for leading in ways that other municipalities can follow.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the city.
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