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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: I support ordinance to ban natural gas

Dear Planning Commission,

I commend you for bringing forth an ordinance to ban natural gas in new developments and major renovations. As you are well aware, Strategy 2 of our bold A2ZERO carbon neutrality plan is, "Switch our Appliances and Vehicles from Gasoline, Diesel, Propane, Coal, and Natural Gas to Electric." As we have seen with many new developments that have been proposed in recent years, natural gas is still the default choice for heating, in spite of our goals. We simply cannot keep expanding our use of natural gas, and locking in our reliance on that source of energy for decades, if we want to meet our commitments.

Interestingly, heat pumps create fewer emissions than natural gas furnaces even when our electricity is generated largely from burning coal. And because our emissions from electricity generation will continue to decrease as we ramp up renewable energy sources, emissions from electric heat pumps and other appliances will continue to decrease over time.

I am fully in support of the proposed ordinance to ban natural gas in new construction and urge you to adopt it.

Many thanks for your work and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Ginny Rogers