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Dear Mayor DeGolia and Council Members,

I'm writing to you to express my strong support for the All-Electric Reach Code under consideration at your Council meeting this evening.

There have been several studies that have shown the health dangers of methane gas in the home from space and water heating appliances and gas stoves. The United Nations released a landmark report calling for an urgent cut in global methane emissions and warning that expanding the use of fossil gas is incompatible with limiting global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Analysis from Energy Innovation has found that meeting the Biden administration's climate target of cutting climate pollution 50% by 2030 would require that new construction across the nation be all-electric from 2025 onward.

Building without gas delivers considerable cost savings for developers and residents. In addition new heat pump and electric appliances are more efficient than their gas equivalents.

It is in this spirit that I encourage you to adopt the strongest reach code without exemptions for gas cooking and fireplaces in homes and ADUs.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Kathy Battat

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