

January 31st, 2025  
City of Goleta  
Via email to [cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org)

*Re: Agenda Item D.3 - CEC Comments on Energy Performance Reach Code*

Dear Members of the City Council,

The Community Environmental Council (CEC) is in strong support of Goleta adopting an Energy Performance Reach Code. While we are concerned it exempts ADUs and smaller homes, we understand staff's rationale for this and do not want to see further delay in passing this code.

All-electric buildings are typically more affordable to construct, as they eliminate natural gas piping and meters. They are healthier and safer to live in without gas combustion, and more efficient when coupled with high-efficiency electric appliances. All-electric buildings significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially when powered by the clean electricity that is quickly ramping up in Goleta through Central Coast Community Energy's goal of 100% renewable electricity by 2030.

According to the Staff Report, natural gas usage in buildings accounted for 40% of Goleta's energy emissions. A Reach Code is a simple action that Goleta can take to reduce the usage of natural gas in the City. If California is to meet our ambitious Carbon Neutrality by 2045 goals, we simply cannot keep building new structures that utilize natural gas. While small amounts of renewable natural gas are available in California, these limited supplies should be used for hard to decarbonize sectors, like heavy industry, not for mundane uses of heating water and space heating in buildings.

Goleta can be an environmental leader by joining with other cities that have adopted Energy Performance Reach Codes, such as San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Palo Alto, Santa Monica, and others. We applaud Goleta for considering such a code and urge the City to move forward with this important climate and sustainability action.

Sincerely,



Michael Chiacos  
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**From:** SYLVIA SULLIVAN <sylvia805@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 3, 2025 3:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk Group  
**Subject:** Support for agenda items A.8. Sable pipeline opposition and D.3. Energy Performance Reach Code

As a resident of Goleta, I would like our city to be on the right side of fighting climate disaster. One way to do this is to oppose the Sable pipeline. With corroded pipes it is a disaster that will impact us all. Re-starting oil and gas infrastructure makes no sense, especially at this time. Please oppose this dangerous proposal.

Along those lines, it is important to switch to electric power, and I'd like Goleta to be on record as being in favor of it. This measure will help us get there.

Thank you,  
Sylvia Sullivan

**From:** [Ana Capstick](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** 02.05.25 City Council Meeting- 3CE Letter of Support  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025 5:12:12 PM  
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Hello,

Please find the attached Letter of Support for Agenda Item D.3 - First Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.03 of the Goleta Municipal Code for an Energy Performance Reach Code.

Best regards,

**Ana Capstick**

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Christopher Cook  
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February 4, 2025

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RE: Agenda Item D.3 - First Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.03 of the Goleta Municipal Code for an Energy Performance Reach Code

Dear Members of the City of Goleta's City Council,

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) supports the City of Goleta's climate leadership and is in support of the City's proposed Reach Code ordinance and its local amendments to the California Energy Code.

3CE is a California Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) load-serving entity whose mission is to provide reliable, affordable, clean electricity, and electrification programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and strengthen our local economy. In 2019, the City of Goleta City Council voted to become a member of the 3CE Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement.

3CE's governing boards have identified electrification as a strategic goal, recognizing that all-electric buildings are cost-effective, highly efficient, provide cleaner indoor air quality, and provide substantially lower operational emissions than buildings that use natural gas appliances. We encourage the City and its local developers to continue to take advantage of current and future 3CE programs incentivizing electrification and the reduction of GHGs.

3CE's New Construction Electrification Program offers commercial and residential customers incentives to encourage new all-electric affordable housing, farmworker housing, and Accessory Dwelling Units. Developers in the City of Goleta could receive up to \$250,000 per project to help build new all-electric units within the city.

Please contact 3CE Director of Energy Programs Christopher Cook at [ccook@3ce.org](mailto:ccook@3ce.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Cook  
Director of Energy Programs

**From:** [JERA JAZEN](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** Constituent's voice  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2025 7:11:21 PM

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I encourage you to vote FOR the below items:  
A.8 - Resolution Opposing Oil Transport by Pipeline

D3 Energy Performance Reach Code

Sable is not Stable. There's high risk of another spill, followed by bankruptcy leaving it to the taxpayers to cleanup. Enough - oppose this!

We need to keep mandating electric only - for health and to pair with green energy. Please vote yes.

Thank you.

Jera Janzen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Emily Engel](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk Group](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting Public Comment 2.4.25  
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Dear Council,

Thank you for all of your work toward the protection, safety, and well-being of our community.

As the chair of the Sierra Club Santa Barbara group, concerned citizen, and parent of two young children, I am writing to you to encourage you to

- 1) Adopt the resolution opposing oil transport by pipeline by approving Resolution No. 25 and communicating a copy of this resolution to the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors.
- 2) Support D-3 Energy Performance Reach Code and add ADUs and small buildings to the code because all-electric buildings are safer, healthier, and more efficient.

Thank you for considering my comments.

All best to you all,

Emily Engel

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