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**Meeting of June 13, 2022**

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## **AGENDA ITEM 4B**

**Special Presentation from  
Ventura Climate Coalition**

**Michael MacDonald**

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**From:** Karsten van Sander [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B

Hi there, I would like to register my support for the all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.  
Best wishes,

Karsten van Sander  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Josephine Lynch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B: I support an all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction

Dear Mayor Sofia Rubalcava and Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned, urge the council to adopt a Building Electrification Ordinance for the City of Ventura for new construction. *Allowing new developments in the city to continue to be built with natural gas hook-ups is inconsistent with California's goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2045 and is contrary to the direction California's building industry is moving toward. The City of Ventura is also the second city developing the most in Ventura County and therefore it is imperative that the City leads the community's future in a sustainable way now.*

*All-electric new building construction is the future, with over 50 California jurisdictions including the City of Ojai and the City of Santa Barbara having adopted such an ordinance. The County of Ventura and County of Santa Barbara are also developing such an ordinance, and Clean Power Alliance provides technical and/or financial support for such an effort. This trend is gaining traction statewide, and it is likely California's Building Code will require all-electric construction in the coming years. We encourage the City of Ventura to move in this same direction, rather than digging a deeper hole in fossil fuel usage. We see at least four benefits in moving away from natural gas in new construction:*

- **Cost:** *Forgoing gas hookups can save thousands of dollars of construction cost, and reports from the California Energy Commission show that all-electric buildings across nearly all types of construction cost slightly less than mixed-fuel counterparts, which is of vital importance with California's housing affordability crisis.*
- **Health and Safety:** *A 2013 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory study found that 60 percent of homes in the state that cook at least once a week with a gas stove produce toxic levels of nitrogen dioxide, formaldehyde, and carbon monoxide exceeding federal standards for outdoor air quality. All-electric new development will be healthier and safer for residents, as there is no gas burned inside the home, which can lead to asthma and other health issues. Furthermore, there is less risk of natural gas caused fires, leaks, or pipeline explosions such as at San Bruno or Porter Ranch.*
- **Sustainability:** *Fossil fuels, like natural gas found in commercial and residential buildings, are incompatible with the State's goal of carbon neutrality. Buildings contribute to 24% of California greenhouse gas emissions, and much of that comes from burning natural gas. Electric heat pumps for water and space heating are 3-4 times more efficient than gas appliances.*
- **Equity:** *Renters may not have control of the appliances in their home and therefore not have agency over experiencing the health impacts mentioned here today. It is also important to adopt an all-electric ordinance so that all Ventura residents can have the benefits of electrification, particularly those most impacted by climate change and burdened by pollution. There is also momentum in multi-family projects moving to all-electric.*

*Ditching natural gas in new developments is one of the largest ways cities can lead on sustainability and build a greener future for residents. It is vitally important that we stop digging an even deeper hole of fossil fuel usage.*

*The council should consider an all-electric ordinance. It is a step that is frankly very practical for housing affordability, health and safety, and sustainability. Advanced electric technologies are widely proven and cost effective. Over 50 other jurisdictions have adopted building electrification ordinances. We urge Ventura to do the same and lead the way toward meeting the state's carbon neutrality goals.*

*Sincerely,  
Josephine Lynch  
Ventura Resident in 93001 zip code*

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**From:** Jeannette Welling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda item 4B

Dear Mayor Runalcava and Council members

I support an all electric building electrification ordinance for new construction because of:

Cost savings as no gas hook up are necessary

Less pollutants emitted into environment

We must move away from fossil fuels

Thank you.

Sincerely

Jeannette Welling  
[REDACTED]

Thousand Oaks, CA

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**From:** Mike Johnson  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: -EXT- Item 4B

**From:** Margot Davis [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2022 at 1:39 PM  
**To:** Council <council@cityofventura.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** -EXT- Item 4B

Dear city Council, I am a 40 year resident homeowner living in Westside Ventura. Please move forward on agenda item 4B. This is an important step in the battle against climate change. Sincerely margot davis [REDACTED] Thank you

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**From:** Gordon Clint <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B: I support an all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction

Dear Board members,

As you know, we are facing an existential crisis. We urgently need to do everything possible to reduce the carbon being released into the atmosphere. Requiriing new buildings to be all electric is one small step towards a better future. Avoiding additional sources of combustion pollution will be healthier for all of us.

Please take that step.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Clint

[REDACTED]  
Newbury Park, CA 91320

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**From:** Abigail Thomas <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 2:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item No. 4B

Dear City Council,

On behalf of the entire Patagonia community and employee base, we would like to share our support for, Agenda Item No. 4B, the educational presentation about electrification at tonight's meeting. The electrification of our buildings is one way we can stop the need for dangerous and unnecessary compressor stations and improve our community's health, by reducing combustion pollution and eliminating the risk of fires and explosions caused by gas leaks.

We need to move away from fossil fuels to start aggressively addressing the climate crisis and promoting healthier and safer communities in Ventura that are less prone to severe health issues from harmful pollutants.

For Ventura to demonstrate real climate justice leadership, we urge you to move forward with Agenda Item No. 4B and continue doing everything in your power to block the expansion of SoCalGas' Ventura compressor expansion project.

Thank you,

**Abigail Adekunbi Thomas**

Environmental Employee Engagement, Patagonia Inc.

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**From:** noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 1:26 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form


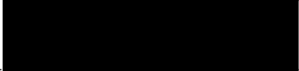

**Public Comment Form**

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Email Address	
Select Legislative/Hearing Body	City Council
Meeting Date	6/13/2022
Select a Topic:	Agenda Item Number/Topic
Agenda Item Number/Topic	4B
Recommendation	Support Recommendation
Written Comments	It is unfortunate that this hadn't been considered or addressed prior to all of the current new construction in Ventura. We have seen this stunningly beautiful place on fire. While we're still healing from the trauma of watching our own families, friends & neighbors lose everything. We should be LEADING in greater pursuit of sustainable energy with our experience, not

following. Please adopt this ordinance as soon as possible, so I can STOP receiving deceitful emails from SoCalGas incentivizing me to purchase NEW gas appliances with deep discounts. They are doing this for a reason. They see their end rapidly approaching.

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**From:** noreply@cityofventura.ca.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Form


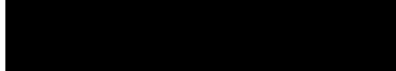

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**From:** Elzbet DiazdeLeon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:05 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B: I support an all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction

It is important to not build more structures that will require conversion. Build it right the first time.

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**From:** Elzbet DiazdeLeon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:07 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B: I support an all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction

Sorry I forgot to include my personal information in my previous email.

Elizabeth Faith DiazdeLeon

[REDACTED] Ventura CA 93001

Thank you.

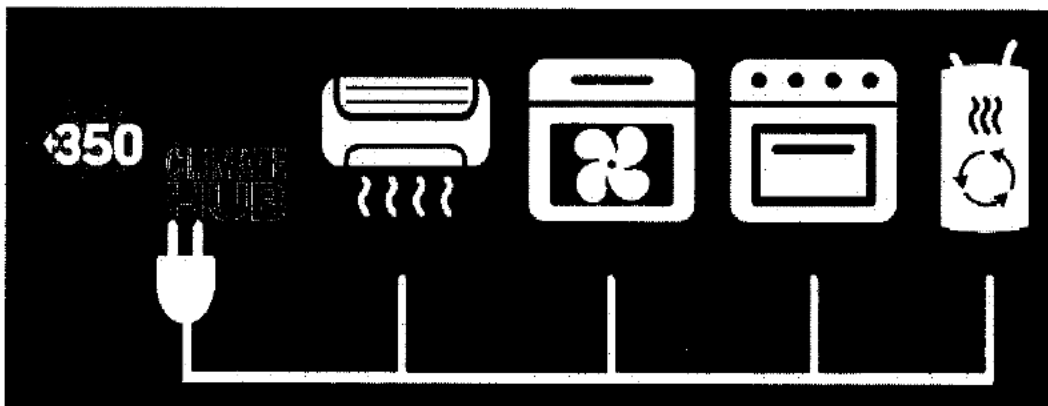
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**From:** Jan Dietrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:27 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B: Prohibit gas connections in new construction



Dear Ventura City Council Members,

We have been advocating for five years to Ventura County and its ten cities--particularly Ventura, Oxnard and Thousand Oaks that have been permitting many new construction projects-- to STOP allowing gas connections in new construction!

New construction must be mandatory all-electric as soon as possible, following the outstanding examples of the cities of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Agoura Hills. Safety, health, clean air, and climate are at stake. Stop saddling future homeowners and renters with toxic living conditions, polluting infrastructure and stranded assets.

Additionally, have courage on behalf of the Westside's fight against the So Cal Gas compressor station by adopting immediate, ambitious policies to eliminate reliance on natural gas. This is a necessary authentic statement to the CPUC that its support for the compressor station is wholly unacceptable.

This can't be postponed to be part of the city's Climate Action and Resilience Plan. Experts in your Sustainability Office have already studied the experience of neighboring cities and know how to do this expeditiously.

Take the next biggest climate action you can take now and give your Sustainability Office your support to get this done.

Yours,

350 Ventura County Climate Hub

Jan Dietrick, Policy Team Lead  
108 Orchard Dr, Ventura, CA 93001  
805-746-5365 cell

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**From:** Kathleen Good <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B - Ventura & Building electrification

Dear City Council Members,

I have been a City of Ventura resident for twenty-one years. Moving from the Northern Midwest to California has made me especially attuned to the California climate! The climate has changed dramatically in that time.

I have had a life-long commitment to the preservation of our environment. so I decided to use the platform of my local radio show to feature women (mainly) who work for the environment either in government entities, non-profits or as activists. Because I am also committed to giving my listeners facts on the show, I extensively research before any interview.

When I asked Kathleen Wheeler, founder of the Ventura Climate Coalition to be on the show, I talked to her for several hours, attended multiple meetings, read the research articles and listened to their discussions.

I can attest to their level of education, their sincerity of purpose, their careful research, and their commitment to acting locally as a supportive resource to city council members.

My research for other guests involved in climate change invited on the show has convinced me that acting locally is where the rubber meets the road in reducing green house gases. Local action has the most powerful and immediate impact on the local environment.

I am convinced from my own research before interviews that a building electrification code in new developments would reduce 24% of the green house gases generated in buildings by the use of natural gas—a fossil fuel. The cost of construction savings and the health and safety benefits of eliminating natural gas are extremely positive benefits as well. If this were on a ballot, I would vote for it.

Thank you for listening to the presentation of the VCC. As a Ventura citizen I would support your positive vote for electric only in any new building development when it comes to a vote.

Thank you.  
Kathleen M. Good

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**From:** Joe Connett - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Agenda Item 4B

Agenda Item 4B: As a registered civil engineer who was responsible for the execution of hundreds of environment security projects I support an all-electric building electrification ordinance for new construction. Forgoing gas connections will provide sustainability, economic, health and safety benefits for owners, occupants, and city residents.

Sincerely,  
Joe Connett

[REDACTED] Ventura, CA 93001

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**From:** Kathy Bremer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2022 3:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** -EXT- Ventura Climate Coalition presentation 6/13/2022

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council members,

In case I do not manage to attend tonight's Council meeting I want to urge you to carefully consider the presentation from the Ventura Climate Coalition on this evening's agenda and plan to pursue the changes that the coalition is recommending.

In order to meet our climate goals we must attack climate change from all directions, environmental mitigation, public transportation and construction planning. Not only must we plant trees, restore our natural environments, retreat from the shoreline, electrify and improve public transportation, we must also use green materials, demand green power, implement electrification in new construction. We must also plan to retrofit older construction, perhaps as units are sold, remodeled, using grant funding, waiving permit fees or offering low interest loans.

We must move ahead expeditiously in order to meet our climate goals. Thank you for your serious attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Bremer

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