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RE: Assembly Bill 306: Building Codes – OPPOSE

Dear Mayor Gloria & Council President La Cava,

In alignment with the City of San Diego Climate Advisory Board's role to support the City in 'implementing the Climate Action Plan and attaining the City's stated goals in these areas', the Board respectfully requests that the City of San Diego oppose [Assembly Bill 306](#).

This bill would impose a moratorium on all new state and local building codes for residential buildings from 2025 - 2031. This bill, as drafted, would effectively prohibit cities and counties from adopting any local reach codes that impact residential buildings over the next 6 years, in addition to pausing updates to state code.

While the stated objective of AB 306 is to increase the supply of housing, this bill freezes updates to building codes for alterations of existing housing. These provisions are critical intervention points for local governments to increase efficiency in existing homes to reduce energy bills and improve climate resilience.

Local reach codes are one of our most essential tools for serving regional climate and housing needs. AB 306 would stall these time sensitive efforts to address the climate and biodiversity crises with the urgency that they demand and deserve.

Curtailling the state's ability to update codes in general, and eliminating local codes advancing safety, permit streamlining, and sustainability, will negatively impact our City.

We respectfully request that the City of San Diego send a letter (or sign on to one of the letters written by others) to key state legislators indicating their opposition to this bill.

Written on behalf of the Climate Advisory Board and the Committee on CAP Reporting, Implementation and Budgets.