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Subject: Proposed CALGreen 2022 for Residential EV Infrastructure

Dear CA Building Standards Commission,

I am writing to ask you to ensure that ALL new buildings in California are equipped to meet the state's critical Electric Vehicle (EV) targets.

Community Resource Project, nonprofit, is a home weatherization and energy efficiency provider serving our disadvantaged and environmental justice communities within the Greater Sacramento Region. We also provide clean mobility options to residents of these communities. Many who would reside in affordable multifamily complexes. We educate and inform residents of purchasing an EV but without EV charging capabilities they quickly are discouraged. If residents have the ability to obtain electrical vehicles and would equally have charging capabilities, this meet environmental justice requirement that we all strive for. Our region is focused on transition toward EVs and these efforts include disadvantaged communities, doesn't it make sense to ensure these housing units can be included so they can meet their needs for access?

It's unconscionable that the current building code doesn't give multi-family housing (MFH) the same access to charging as single-family housing. MFH residents deserve the financial and health benefits of EV driving. Installing EV charging infrastructure at the time of new construction is the cheapest way to build EV charging access -- and without this access, people in apartments and condos are much less likely to get EVs.

It makes sense to join in the over 20 California cities have already passed EV "reach codes"; for CALGreen to **level the playing field** and provide equitable, affordable, ubiquitous access to EV charging in new buildings in *all* California communities.

Specifically, we ask you to require for ***all new Multi-Family Housing units with parking:***

1. an EV space that is wired directly to the corresponding unit's electricity meter;
2. true EV Ready 'plug-and-play' charging access, via an electric outlet or EV charging cordset;
3. prominent labeling of EV charging spaces with highly-visible signage, to increase EV awareness and encourage adoption.

Please improve the 2022 CALGreen code; so that EV charging will truly be accessible by all, and California can meet its climate targets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luis H. Sanchez".

Luis H. Sanchez
Chief Executive Officer

