

October 10, 2106

**TO:** Councilmembers Linda Maio, Darryl Moore, Max Anderson, Jesse Arreguin, Laurie Capitelli, Susan Wengraf, Kriss Worthington, and Lori Droste

**Cc:** Mayor Tom Bates

**RE:** Support for Berkeley Deep Green Building Initiative

Dear City Councilmembers and Mayor Bates,

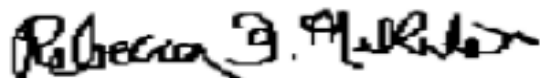
The [Berkeley Climate Action Coalition](#), whose membership includes over 700 residents, community organizations, and educational and religious institutions working to help the City of Berkeley reach its Climate Action goals, writes to share our support for the Berkeley Deep Green Building Initiative. We encourage the City of Berkeley to adopt this program to facilitate achievement of the cities greenhouse gas reduction goals enumerated in the Berkeley Climate Action Plan.

Berkeley Deep Green Building lays out a list of priorities for energy efficient building in a manner that addresses climate and environmental and human health goals comprehensively. The program not only sets out ambitious performance targets for energy efficiency, but highlights building materials and methods that encourage avoidance of the worst of class toxic chemicals and minimization of high carbon footprint building materials. In addition, the program prioritizes shifting Berkeley's building energy demand from gas + electricity to 100% electric. This ties in well the BCAC efforts to institute the East Bay Community Choice Energy which is committed to supplying Berkeley with 100% renewably generated electricity when operational next year. Finally, Berkeley Deep Green Building includes a comprehensive water conservation program, also good for the environment and the climate.

Berkeley Deep Green Building will help with greenhouse gas reduction consistent with the goals of the City's Climate Action Plan and with reduction in the release of toxic chemicals.

Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition,



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