

From: [Todd Snyder](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment Re: BoS File 200701
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I'm a resident of San Francisco writing to strongly support prohibiting gas in new construction. The methane leaks, air pollution, and explosion dangers of natural gas are no longer necessary for the functioning of our homes and businesses. San Francisco can lead the state and the country in building a better future.

I ask the Land Use and Transportation Committee to recommend the changes to the ordinance as laid out by Earthjustice, the Sierra Club, the SF Climate Emergency Coalition, PODER SF and more than 20 other organizations in their September 18 letter to the Committee, and recommend that amended ordinance to the full Board.

It is important to me that we:

1. Eliminate the feasibility exception to the electric-ready requirement and make fully electric-ready construction a baseline requirement for new construction. We know that the future is electric. Allowing any building to be built that will require massive retrofits in the near future is unacceptable. With full electric readiness, we minimize that retrofit cost.
2. Create a Clean Energy Building Hub through the City and County of San Francisco that provides for the outreach, resources, and education needed to eliminate barriers and maximize opportunity for all-electric new construction to benefit both climate and equity.
3. Expand the ordinance's definition of "mixed-fuel buildings" to include laboratory, industrial, and decorative uses of gas. Gas shouldn't be allowed for upscale decorative uses. It's wrong to harm public health for private enjoyment.
4. Provide additional limitations and transparency in the exemption process to ensure any project found exempt for infeasibility is truly in the public interest. I'm concerned about the news of powerful and connected people being able to get favors from DBI. We need sunshine on the exemption process, and exemptions should only be given in the public interest.
5. Amend section 106A.1.17 to require that the Building Official find "sufficient evidence was submitted to substantiate the infeasibility of an All-Electric Building or Project design without regard to financial, floor-area, or amenity-related loss unless deemed to be in the public welfare." The housing crisis is real. And we need to find ways of fixing it without sacrificing our children's future. The space taken up by a transformer should not be an acceptable reason for an exemption.

6. Eliminate the blanket exemption for commercial kitchens delaying compliance until 2022. Existing restaurants are not helped by giving builders a pass on making future commercial kitchens all-electric.

Thank you for taking up this important issue and considering the health and safety of our residents and climate.

Sincerely,

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Land Use Committee, Board of Supervisors, and Sup. Stefani,

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In addition to recommending the ordinance, I would also like to ask the Commission to recommend the changes to the ordinance as laid out by Earthjustice, the Sierra Club, the San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition, and other local groups in their letter to the Commission and Board.

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Land Use Committee, Board of Supervisors, and Sup. Haney,

I am a resident of District 6 and want to express my support for banning natural gas in new construction. It's polluting and its use is dangerous to life and property. I worry about gas leaks especially in earthquake zones like ours, and having witnessed the fires from Loma Prieta in '89. On average in the US, a natural gas or oil pipeline catches fire every four days, results in an injury every five days, explodes every 11 days, and leads to a fatality every 26 days. My East Cut neighborhood is now replete with new gas lines/hookups that weren't there before because of all the residential construction that's taken place in the last ten years.

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