



SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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Dear Chairwoman Valentine and Steering Committee Members,

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) is a regional association of local chambers dedicated to regional issue advocacy in the South Bay of Los Angeles County. We are comprised of seventeen chambers of commerce from Long Beach north to Westchester. Our South Bay region is an economic powerhouse and is home to the nation's largest port complex, robust national aerospace companies, and large and diverse energy sectors.

Together, the members of the SBACC provide the leading advocacy voice for the regional business community of one of the most economically prosperous and culturally diverse regions in the entire nation. The SBACC supports and applauds the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) efforts to consider the balanced energy resolution. We strongly believe it will provide valuable direction for cities and the region to pursue practical, long-term sustainability goals.

More than 110 local governments across Southern California, representing approximately 8 million people, have passed resolutions to support affordable and balanced strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The resolution urges policymakers to safeguard consumers' ability to choose natural gas, propane, or electric appliances for their homes and businesses. They were passed in response to concerns that state agencies are being called upon to take steps to prohibit the use of affordable natural gas in buildings.

More than 90 percent of homes and businesses in Southern California rely on natural gas for space, water heating or cooking. In surveys, Southern Californians regularly report they prefer natural gas for cooking, and home and water heating by a margin of 4 to 1, citing its affordability. The South Bay has long served as a leader in climate change and sustainability, and we support a holistic approach that considers the importance of choice.

Sincerely,

John Heffernan
SBACC Board Chair