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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter supports the Draft Existing Building Electrification Plan. Electrifying San Jose's building sector will be critical to meeting the City's goal of Carbon Neutrality by 2030.

In particular, we support the rapid implementation of the Retrofit Accelerator Program in order to reduce the barriers for homeowners to voluntarily retrofit their homes.

We also support the process for creating policy outlined in the Draft Plan, which highlights the need for community engagement, especially with San Jose's populations of renters and low income residents. Policies and programs for existing buildings should protect renters and low-income people from displacement.

San Jose should continue to explore avenues for funding to ensure that its building electrification policies have the strongest equity protections possible. We believe the framework of the Plan as written will allow for this exploration and will show leadership on Climate Change.

Sincerely,

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