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I strongly object to any implantation of so-called "reach codes" in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan's proposal that the Los Altos City Council ban all gas appliances, including gas cooking appliances, in all new construction and remodels. Most annoying and unreasonable is the proposal that if any existing gas appliances including gas furnaces and your gas cooking appliances break, you will be required to replace them with all electric appliances. This will place an undue burden on retired people on reduced incomes who are already getting hammered by 10% inflation.

We are constantly being warned about blackouts due to an overstressed electrical grid. These "reach codes" will only make this matter worse. And all this virtue signaling will have no impact on global warming as long as China and India continue burning fossil fuels.

Another offensive thing is the proposal to impose fines/penalties for using gas. This is nothing but a proposal to hurt citizens already being pummeled by inflation and high fuel prices. The EC estimates the city will collect \$500,000 per year in gas fines.

I'll believe global warming is a problem when the rich people who are telling me it is a problem start ACTING like it is a problem. They can start by getting rid their carbon-spewing private jets.

The bottom line is that I do NOT support ANY gas ban and I oppose adopting codes more stringent than those set out by the state. Whether or not the Council is considering any major changes to gas appliances in today's meeting is immaterial. The council must immediately terminate discussion of any restrictions beyond state requirements.

Bill Hough  
Los Altos resident and taxpayer