



October 28, 2022

VIA EMAIL TO: PublicComment@losgatosca.gov

Office of the Town Clerk
110 East Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Dear Los Gatos Town Council Members:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proud to provide electric and natural gas service to the Town of Los Gatos. As the state's largest energy provider, PG&E embraces our foundational role in transitioning California to a decarbonized and more climate-resilient economy. PG&E's *Climate Strategy Report* (available at www.pge.com/climate) shares our goals to achieve significant emissions reductions by 2030, reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and become "climate positive" by 2050, or actively removing more carbon from the environment than we emit as a company.

PG&E recognizes the value of building decarbonization as an important tool in meeting both PG&E's and the state's climate goals, and we welcome the opportunity to support the Town of Los Gatos' efforts to promote efficient, all-electric new construction. PG&E also appreciates the opportunity to avoid investments in new natural gas assets that might later prove underutilized as local governments and the state work together to realize long-term decarbonization objectives.

Beyond new construction, PG&E believes a multi-faceted approach is needed to cost-effectively achieve California's economy-wide greenhouse gas reduction objectives, including both strategic electrification and an orderly transition for the natural gas delivery system. In support of the transition, our climate goals include pursuing zonal electrification strategies and providing our hard-to-electrify customers with "greener" gas supplies, including renewable natural gas and potentially hydrogen over the longer-term. As California's decarbonization policies evolve, PG&E will continue to prioritize the safe and reliable operation of our electric and natural gas systems to continue supporting the customers that depend on us.

PG&E appreciates the partnership with the Town of Los Gatos during its policy development process, which allows us to prepare for the future and continue providing the best service possible to our customers. PG&E regularly forecasts electric load growth in our service area to assess the needs on the electric system and create plans and projects to address them and plan for the needs that all-electric buildings will require.

PG&E looks forward to continuing to work with the Town of Los Gatos to accomplish its policy goals and remains ready to engage with our customers, local governments, businesses, and community members to meet their needs safely, reliably, affordably, and with clean energy.

Thank you for your engagement with PG&E.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Benjamin
Director

cc:

- Robert Gray, Building Official [RGray@losgatosca.gov]
- Anna Brooks, Director, Local Government Affairs, PG&E [REDACTED]
- Kelly Cunningham, Codes, Standards & Cross-Cutting, PG&E [REDACTED]