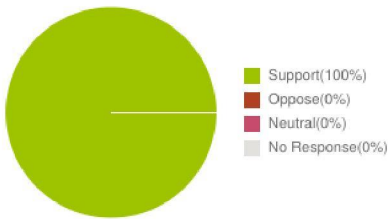


Agenda Item: eComments for 10. 20-0407 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA AMENDING CHAPTER 15.26 OF THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH ENERGY BENCHMARKING AND CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTIFAMILY AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS (FIRST READING)

Overall Sentiment



Becky Thimm

Location: 91910, Chula Vista
Submitted At: 4:45pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas & City Council Members,

I support tonight's agenda item #10, an ordinance to establish energy benchmarking and conservation requirements for multifamily and commercial buildings. Inefficient commercial and multifamily buildings are a large source of greenhouse gas emissions in Chula Vista. So we need to act now to make our buildings more energy efficient. I feel the benchmarking at this time will give us a good understanding on how energy efficient the older buildings are. By tracking energy use, owners can figure out what would be best for them to do to improve these buildings' energy efficiency.

Carolyn Scofield

Location:
Submitted At: 1:58pm 01-05-21

Dear Mayor Salas and City Council Members,

I support tonight's agenda item #10, an ordinance to establish annual energy benchmarking using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager and to require energy efficiency retrofits for multifamily and commercial buildings. This ordinance presents an important opportunity to monitor and mitigate a significant source of deadly greenhouse

gas emissions in Chula Vista. The Ordinance Agenda Statement reports that: “Chula Vista multifamily, commercial and industrial buildings over 20K square feet are emitting 113,000 mtonsCO₂e/year. The ordinance is projected to reduce these emissions by 6% after 10 years and 8% after 15 years. “

In addition to the critical need to lower greenhouse gas emissions, retrofitting buildings to increase energy efficiency in work places and homes improves quality of life by increasing indoor air quality, moderating temperature extremes, and lowering operating costs. Reducing or delaying upfront fees helps address the current financial impacts felt by so many. Providing choices to meet energy efficiency goals that are most needed and cost-effective helps owners meet the ordinance requirements. During this process, educating residents about energy efficiency in buildings is a fundamental investment in the future of our city. I urge you to vote YES to establish energy benchmarking and conservation requirements for multifamily and commercial buildings in Chula Vista. Thank you.

Noah Harris

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 1:37pm 01-05-21

Good evening, Council. My name is Noah Harris, Policy Advocate with Climate Action Campaign, writing in support of this ordinance to establish energy benchmarking and conservation requirements for multifamily and commercial buildings.

The most up to date climate science says that we must fully transition off of fossil fuels by midcentury to stave off the most devastating impacts of climate change. Measuring the energy efficiency of local buildings is crucial to figuring out where emissions-reduction improvements are most needed.

The consumption of climate-harming methane gas in buildings is one of the main sources of emissions in our region. In order to entirely eliminate building emissions, Chula Vista must commit to fully electrifying both new construction and existing buildings, to ensure cleaner, safer, and more sustainable buildings for all City residents. Thank you.

Jason Anderson

Location:
Submitted At: 10:10am 01-05-21

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, I would like to register our support of the proposed benchmarking ordinance. Cleantech San Diego is a member-based business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 120 businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy and the environment. In the clean energy business, regulations like the ordinance before you today are not the enemy of economic growth. On the contrary, when governing bodies set clear and aggressive goals for greenhouse gas reductions, they set a goal that will be met with innovation and result in progress and economic growth. For this reason, we support the ordinance and encourage its adoption. Thank you.

Rita Clement

Location: 91914, CHULA VISTA
Submitted At: 8:16pm 01-04-21

Dear Mayor Salas and Council members,

I strongly support Agenda Item#10, an ordinance to establish energy benchmarking and conservation requirements for multi family and commercial buildings. Converting to efficient electric appliances is a core climate strategy and will improve both indoor and outdoor air quality.

Research shows that retrofitting existing homes with heat pump water heating and space heating lowers total utility bills. The city must prioritize low - income households for building retrofits to be effective and equitable. Reliable and affordable energy services are essential, not only for comfort during heat waves and cold winters, but also for health and safety. Go green Financing website helps residents find financing for energy saving projects. www.gogreenfinancing.com allows California residents and businesses to create a custom energy action plan, find rebates and incentives and find a financing option. This well thought out ordinance has been passed by the Sustainability Commission.

Thank you for considering this improvement to our 2017 Climate Action Plan.