



Office of the City Manager

## **REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2**

**Meeting Date: June 16, 2026**

**Item Number: 36**

**Item Description: Affirming All-Electric Standards for the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital**

**Submitted by: Jordan Klein, Director of Planning & Development**

Staff are proposing revisions to the recommended Resolution to reflect the recommendation by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, and Environmental Sustainability (FITES) policy committee of the City Council, adding an exception process to the all-electric standards requirement, subject to City Council approval.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

**Affirming All-Electric Standards for ~~the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital Projects~~ Municipal Projects**

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement natural gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would lock in fossil fuel dependency in City-owned facilities for 20–40 years, well beyond Berkeley's 2045 carbon neutrality target; and

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would undermine Berkeley's credibility as a climate leader and signal to the public that the City's electrification commitments do not apply to its own operations; and

WHEREAS, installing new or replacement gas infrastructure in bond-funded municipal buildings would expose building occupants, including community members (especially the more vulnerable young and elderly), fire fighters, and City employees, to the known indoor air quality risks associated with gas combustion appliances, which approach \$1 billion annually across the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, requiring all-electric construction across bond-funded projects and all City capital spending would meaningfully reduce municipal emissions, improve indoor air quality in public facilities, demonstrate institutional leadership, and create durable, future-proof infrastructure aligned with California's clean energy grid trajectory; and

WHEREAS, while in most cases electrification in municipal facilities is already a standard practice and will increasingly be required throughout the Bay Area for water and space heating, there may be limited instances in which exceptions may be requested of City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City of Berkeley will adopt a formal policy prohibiting the installation of new natural gas infrastructure (hereafter referred to as “gas”) or the replacement of existing gas equipment with new gas equipment in any project funded by the proposed 2026 General Obligation Bond Measure, **unless infeasibility is compellingly demonstrated and an exception is approved by City Council**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the City of Berkeley will include explicit all electric construction and retrofit language in the bond measure itself; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley will direct **staff the City Manager** to apply this no-new-gas standard as a condition of all City capital spending, beyond bond funded projects, thus affirming that public funds shall not be used to install new gas infrastructure in any municipal facility, **except in limited circumstances in which City Council grants an exception**.